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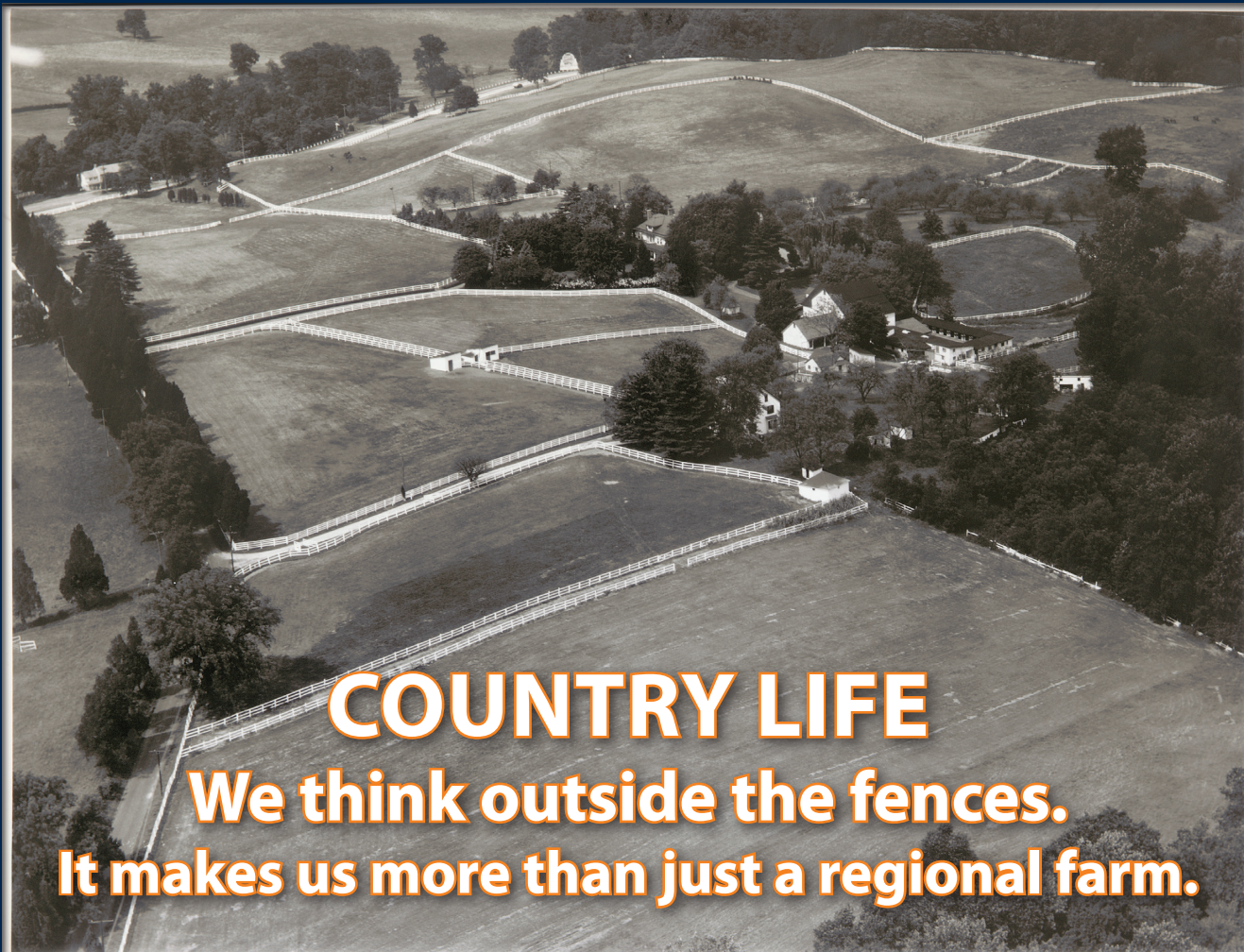
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Yearling sale posts steady returns

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Jessica Krupnick reigns over region

In the revamped Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships Series, Jessica Krupnick takes the overall title (and rich bonuses) in a photo finish. By Tom LaMarra. [Page 44](#)

Drama rules on big day at Parx Racing

A bite in the Gallant Bob and a disqualification in the Cotillion stole the headlines at Parx Racing, where McKinzie romped in the Derby. By Linda Dougherty. [Page 46](#)



Zanjabeel makes his case

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November at Laurel Park

Saturday, November 10

STAKES CLOSING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018

\$100,000 JAMES F. LEWIS III STAKES Two-Year-Olds • Six Furlongs

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POST TIME

BY A NECK: Whereshetoldmetogo (left) tries to fight—and bite—his way past Firenze Fire in the Gallant Bob at Parx Racing in September.

Allison Janezic photo





SAY IT AGAIN

“More young people like myself should be in this business.”

Owner Harriet Sawyer, who got into racing after retirement

“At times he’s happy, at times he’s lazy, at times he’s spoiled to death.”

Assistant trainer Matt Hartman, about Laurel Dash winner Class and Cash

“I knew he’d be fit from running off with Brandon all the time.”

Jockey Channing Hill, on Laurel Turf Cup winner Hello Don Julio and good friend Brandon Meier (the powerful gelding’s exercise rider)

“I’m hoping he takes me to Oaklawn.”

Jockey Feargal Lynch, on riding for trainer Steve Asmussen who sends a division to the Hot Springs, Ark., track each winter

“I thought about not coming,
and I don’t think I’m going to stay all day.”

Rick Abbott, a retired sales consignor who keeps showing up for sales at Timonium

“That’s what we like.”

Fasig-Tipton announcer Terence Collier, about a horse named Talk Less Run More in the pedigree of Hip 500 at Timonium

“So who’s the full-brother by?”

Potential yearling buyer, still learning the craft, to a consignor at Timonium

“I’m the mascot.”

South Carolina horseman Webb Carroll, on his role at the farm while in semi-retirement

“Don’t get mad. Get even.”

Fasig-Tipton auctioneer Tom Biederman, encouraging another bid from a would-be buyer

“It’s not like you don’t know the family.”

Fasig-Tipton auctioneer Steve Dance, trying to get one more bid out of trainer Lizzie Merryman on a colt bred by her brother and nephew

“I try to skip out on the milk and just chug an espresso now.”

Breeder Sabrina Moore, after answering her phone while paying for an order at Starbucks in October

Back and Forth

As Fasig-Tipton staffers Dennis Lynch and Peter Penny handled competing phone bidders while side-by-side at the fall yearling sale in Timonium, announcer Reed Ringler and auctioneer Steve Dance had a little fun.

Ringler: “I’ve got Dennis in an arm-wrestling match.”

Dance: “By a lot.”

GO FIGURE

1 Hammerjack’s T-shirt at Laurel Park Sept. 22.

1 Guy in a Montreal Canadiens T-shirt at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic’s yearling sale.

10 Brook-Ledge tractor trailer horse vans in the Timonium parking lot before the second session started.

15 Wins each for trainers Jack Fisher and Ricky Hendriks in the race for the steeplechase championship with five weekends left in the season.

75 Yearlings shipped out of Fasig-Tipton Midlantic—and to points north, south, east and west—by Simoff Horse Transport after the sale (owner Andy Simoff said the error rate is “down to less than 1 percent;” we don’t understand why it’s not higher).

NAMES OF THE MONTH

Market Bubble. Colts Neck Stables’ 2-year-old colt, based in New Jersey with trainer Alan Goldberg, is by Fed Biz.

Absentee. Another Colts Neck Stables’ and Goldberg runner, who won his debut at Parx Sept. 22, the 2-year-old colt is out of Truant.

Valedictorian. The New Jersey-bred, who won Laurel Park’s All Along Stakes in September, is out of Smart N Classy.

Monkeys Uncle. Lael Stables’ 2-year-old filly, who won Laurel Park’s Selima Stakes in September, is by Uncle Mo out of Humor Section.

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Selling Wednesday, Nov. 14

Hip 3815. **Multiple stakes winner of \$638,685**, twice graded stakes-placed. Half to SW **SPRING DANCE** from the immediate family of G3 millionaire **PAGE MCKENNEY** and G3 **FINALLY HERE**. *Broodmare prospect.*

OMINOUS CAT

Selling Wednesday, Nov. 14

Hip 3787. Dam of multiple SW **DARK ARTIST** (4 wins, \$146,716 to 3, 2018). Out of a multiple G1 winner **FLEET RENEE** (\$658,085) and half to TWO stakes producers, incl. dam of 2018 G2 Saratoga Special-placed **Tight Ten**. *1/F Blofeld*

Weanling Half to G1 KNICKS GO

Selling Sunday, Nov. 11

Hip 2521. Colt by Broken Vow. **KNICKS GO** won G1 Claiborne Breeders' Futurity, 3rd Arlington-Washington Futurity in 4 starts at 2, \$330,515. Out of a multiple stakes winner of \$298,095. Family of G1 **COUNTUS IN** (\$569,483).

Constitution Weanling Filly

Selling Sunday, Nov. 11

Hip 2542. Out of Carson City stakes-winning mare, she a half-sister to multiple G2 **TOO MUCH BLING** (\$509,674), four additional stakes horses plus the dam of G2 **EL KABEIR** (\$946,557).

Summer Front Weanling Colt

Selling Sunday, Nov. 11

Hip 2674. First foal out of SW **SPRING DANCE** (\$199,841). Dam a half-sister to **POWER OF SNUNNER**, from the family of millionaire **PAGE MCKENNEY**.

MILESTONES



JIM MOORE

Won: The 6,500th race of his career, Hall of Fame trainer King T. Leatherbury, at Laurel Park Sept. 22. The veteran horseman sent out Happy Lantern to upset the day's first race, a 5½-furlong maiden claimer on the turf, for owner Norman Lewis. Leatherbury, 85, picked up his eighth from 60 starters this year. Best known for his work with Ben's Cat, the late Mid-Atlantic legend he bred, owned and trained to 32 wins, 26 in stakes, more than \$2.6 million in purse earnings and four Maryland-bred Horse of the Year titles from 2010-17, Leatherbury's stable is down to 11 horses. A winner of 26 training titles apiece at Laurel and Pimlico Race Course, Leatherbury won at least 200 races for 11 straight years from 1974-84, lead-

ing all American trainers in victories in 1976 and 1977. He won at least 100 races 26 consecutive years (1972-97) and topped \$1 million in annual earnings 32 times, including a streak from 1974-99. Leatherbury ranks fifth all-time in wins, trailing only Dale Baird (9,445), Steve Asmussen (8,145), Jerry Hollendorfer (7,504) and Jack Van Berg (6,523).

Won: The 2,000th race of her career, trainer Kathleen O'Connell, at Delaware Park Sept. 12. The win came in the sixth race when Charlie Runion's Wishful Quality won by a head in a maiden. The 2-year-old Florida-bred daughter of Exclusive Quality returned \$53.80 as the second longest shot in the field of seven. O'Connell posted her first career victory

in 1981. Other notable horses conditioned by the Michigan native include Blazing Sword, winner of the Grade 3 Calder Derby in 1997 and the Grade 2 Washington Park Handicap at Arlington Park in 2000; Watch Me Go, winner of the Grade 2 Tampa Bay Derby in 2011; Lady Shipman, second in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Sprint at Keeneland in 2015; and Stormy Embrace, winner of the Grade 2 Princess Rooney Stakes at Gulfstream Park June 30.

Approved: By the Maryland Racing Commission, new off-track betting location at the Clarion Hotel and conference center in Frederick. The facility will be the eighth OTB in the state, joining Horseshoe Casino Baltimore, MGM National Harbor Casino (which opened in September), Hollywood Casino Perryville, Boonsboro Event Center, the Maryland State Fair at Timonium, Greenmount Station in Hampstead, and Riverboat on the Potomac off the coast of Virginia. The Frederick facility is slated to open Nov. 1.

Accepted: A similar post at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Ark., Delaware Park racing secretary Jed Doro, who left the Delaware post in late September. Doro was at Delaware for more than 10 years, first as assistant racing secretary and as racing secretary since being promoted in 2014. Doro, whose career began in the Maryland Jockey Club's racing office, worked at Oaklawn in 2014 and will oversee the racing product at one of the country's premier winter meets (which starts Jan. 25).

Reported: Statistics for the 2017 Thoroughbred breeding season in North America, The Jockey Club. The annual report estimates the 2018 North American foal crop at 21,500 (with more than 21,130 reported before Sept. 26). In the region, two states made the top 10. Maryland was seventh in North America—behind Kentucky, California, Florida, New York, Louisiana and Ontario—with 483 live foals in 2018. The figure is a slight decline from 500 in 2017. Pennsylvania was ninth overall with 373 live foals, up from 289 in 2018.



50 Timoniums. Consignor Harry L. "Chip" Landry celebrated his 50th Eastern Fall Yearling consignment with plenty of cake for all at Timonium in October.

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Super Ninety Nine –Moon Map colt	MD-bred
Super Ninety Nine –Seven Days filly	MD-bred
Super Ninety Nine –Taconic Victory filly	BC, MD-bred
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Verrazano –Stoneway colt	MD-bred
Wicked Strong –Our Chocolate Chip filly	PA-bred

YEARLINGS

Medallist –Petite Jete filly	MD-bred
Strong Mandate –Saarley Solution colt	MD-bred

BROODMARES

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Evil's Causeway (Giant's Causeway–Evil's Pic)

I/F Friesan Fire

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MILESTONES

Won: His first Grade 1 stakes as a trainer, Parx Racing-based Uriah St. Lewis, when Discreet Lover upset the Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont Park Sept. 29. The Florida-bred, a \$10,000 purchase by St. Lewis at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale, got up to edge Thunder Snow by a neck at more than 45-1. Also owned by St. Lewis, Discreet Lover lifted his lifetime earnings to \$1,374,685 while winning for the seventh time. Bred in Florida by Woodford Thoroughbreds, the son of Repent also gave St. Lewis his first graded stakes win in the Excelsior Stakes-G3 at Aqueduct in April. St. Lewis sent out his first runners in 1988 and has withstood three winless seasons (2007, 2011 and 2012) in his career. St. Lewis came to the United States from Trinidad and Tobago in 1973, and became a racing fan while going to high school in New York near Aqueduct racetrack. He eventually took a job working on computers for wagering company AmTote International, then leaped into training in Oklahoma.



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Jack Fisher was the Real Rider Cup individual winner on Quite a Journey.

St. Lewis bought a ranch and worked with trainer Robert Hayes before becoming a trainer. The first St. Lewis runners were at Remington Park, Blue Ribbon Downs and Fairmount Park before moving to Parx.

Competed: In a show-jumping competition called the Real Rider Cup, several regional Thoroughbred personalities, at Plantation Field in Unionville, Pa., Sept. 23. The event pitted four teams—exercise riders, owners, trainers and racing analysts—aboard ex-racehorses. Steeplechase trainer Jack Fisher, first in the ring aboard former trainee Quite a Journey, won the individual crown with the fastest time of 1:03. Fisher's time was not quite enough to



MAGGIE KIMMITT

The Real Rider Cup winning team of exercise riders (from left): Sharon Dominguez, Lorna Chavez, Jodi Murphy and Paddy Young.

land the team prize for the trainers as the exercise riders squad (Sharon Dominguez, Lorna Chavez, Jodi Murphy and Paddy Young) had the lowest combined time. Other riders in the friendly competition were Michael Balaz, Clifford Barry, Megan Jones, Gabby Gaudet, Penelope Miller, Maggie Wolfendale Morley, Tim Tullock, Jena Antonucci, Lacey Gaudet and Tom Morley. Fisher's mount, a California-bred who finished second in his only two starts (both over hurdles), had a busy day as he also competed in the Fair Hill Thoroughbred show for 11-year-old Cassie Lively. Organized by Anita Motion, the event raised \$50,000 for the Retired Racehorse Project and the event's host Plantation Field.

Regional-breds bring \$7 million at Keeneland September yearling sale

A Pennsylvania-bred colt by Into Mischief sold for \$875,000 to lead the way for regional-bred yearlings at the Keeneland September sale, which roared to gross receipts of more than \$377 million over its 13 days.

Fifty-eight yearlings from the region sold for \$7,162,000 at Keeneland.

The Into Mischief colt, purchased by Godolphin in Book 1, represented a major score for his breeders—the group of C Biscuit Racing, Smart Angle, CJB Holdings, Jeff Bozel and Alex Karkenny. Walnut Green bought broodmare Katherine'skadence at Keeneland November in 2016 for \$70,000. The daughter of Mr. Greeley, sold by Sagamore Farm, was carrying the Into Mischief colt.

In addition to the 2018 yearling consigned by St. George Sales, Katherine'skadence has produced two winners.

Via consignor Upson Downs Farm, Sagamore sold a Maryland-bred filly for \$600,000 as Whitehorse Stables and Bridlewood Farm teamed up to land the daughter of Medaglia d'Oro and two-time graded stakes winner Daring Dancer. Racing for Sagamore and trainer Graham Motion, the Maryland-bred Daring Dancer won four of seven starts including the Appalachian Stakes-G3 and Lake George Stakes-G2 in 2014 before joining the broodmare band.

Virginia's Chilly Bleak Farm sold a Virginia-bred colt by Pioneer of the Nile for \$425,000. Centennial Farms made the

purchase. Bred by Chilly Bleak owners Jim and Katie FitzGerald and Manganaro, the dark bay is out of the Langfuhr mare Delicate Affair. She was unraced, but has produced winner Wedding Cake and is from the family of Seeking the Gold, Fast Play, Survivalist and In The Navy Now among others.

A West Virginia-bred Broken Vow filly out of the Curlin mare Whirl sold for \$300,000 on a bid by Tom McCrocklin as agent for Slugo/Paymaster Racing. Sold by Hidden Brook, the chestnut is from the family of graded stakes winners Strike a Deal and Pacific Wind.

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May sale sparks early returns

It's only November, but the returns from Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's May 2-year-old sale are already starting to come in thanks to a few standout juveniles.

Tale of the Union, a Union Rags colt purchased for \$925,000 (second-highest in the sale) by Marylander Michael Lund Petersen, won his debut Aug. 26 at Del Mar.

The bay colt, a New York-bred trained by Bob Baffert, ran away to win by 8 lengths as the favorite in a 5½-furlong maiden race.

Pennsylvania-bred Call Paul, a \$210,000 purchase by Gary Young on behalf of Michael Dubb and partners, won his first two including the Grade 2 Saratoga Special Stakes for trainer Jason Servis. He suffered his first defeat when third in the Champagne-G3 at Belmont Park Oct. 6.

Mucho Gusto, a \$625,000 colt bought by Petersen from Kirkwood Stable, won his debut at Los Alamitos Sept. 20.

The sales-topper at \$1.2 million, a Medaglia d'Oro colt named Lebron J, has yet to start.

May sale graduate Distant Shore (a \$50,000 Algorithms colt sold by Eddie Woods) finished second in the Arlington-Washington Futurity Sept. 8 after breaking his maiden at Indiana Grand Aug. 14.

Meadow Dance (a \$110,000 Jimmy Creed filly sold by SBM Training and Sales) was third in the Arlington-Washington Lassie Sept. 8 and third again in the Darley Alcibiades-G1 at Keeneland Oct. 5. She broke her maiden at Ellis Park in August.

Tritap filly My Star Potential, bred in Maryland by consignor Cary Frommer and sold for \$50,000, won at Timonium (naturally) Sept. 2.

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On Pennsylvania Derby Day, mystery, misplaced chomps, and megastars: Correspondent Teresa Genaro enjoyed Pennsylvania Derby day—but can't help thinking that Parx and the state are their own worst enemies in the long run.

River Gal "carries family forward" with Jamestown win: River Gal won the Jamestown Stakes at Laurel Park, the latest in an equine family that's been very good to Morgan's Ford Farm, Frank Vespe reports.

Claimbox—Midlantic claiming activity tops \$18 million through three quarters: In the latest Claimbox report: more than 1,700 claims, worth over \$18 million total, have been made in the Mid-Atlantic in the first nine months of the year.

For Catalano, roller coaster ride on an upswing: Trainer Michael Catalano Jr. nearly washed out of horse racing altogether in 2015, not making a single start, but his operation looks to be on an upswing now with recent success at Delaware and Parx. Doug McCoy reports.

WVBC Trivia Quiz: The Racing Biz's first-ever WVBC Trivia Quiz is here. Think you know your WVBC trivia? Go ahead and prove it.

Patience the key for bug rider Reyly Gutierrez: Apprentice jock Reyly Gutierrez is a college grad, which means he has options—and that, he said, helps give him the patience that is the hallmark of his riding style, reports McCoy.

WVBC: Dickie Moore and a lifetime in racing

Abridged story by Ted Black, posted Oct. 12 in Breaking, Features, Top Stories, West Virginia, WV Racing. Read the story in its entirety at TheRacingBiz.com.

During a career that began more than 50 years ago when he was still in his teens, Charles Town General Manager of Racing Operations Dickie Moore has run the gamut when it comes to chores at the track. Yet he says he still looks forward to every live racing card, especially the upcoming West Virginia Breeders Classics, with the type of youthful enthusiasm that has kept him moving willingly from his office to the winner's circle.

Moore began his prolonged tenure at the oval in 1964 working as the designated change man behind the parimutuel lines, long before computers ushered in a new era of convenience. "When I started out as the change man at the track, there was a line of tellers in the front for betting and another line around the back for cashing," Moore recalled. "Some people did the figures by hand on scrap paper, and some did it with small calculators. It was a completely different era than what we're used to today. But back then that was the only way we knew how to do it, and there were always big crowds at the track every night, and that kept you busy."

Moore eventually became a parimutuel teller and held that position for 12 years before becoming the track's racing secretary in 1986. Along the way, he witnessed a number of firsts at Charles Town and neighboring Shenandoah Downs, where he held the same position. Shenandoah Downs was one of the first Thoroughbred tracks to offer night racing, and then Charles Town became the first to offer live racing on Sundays. Those tracks alternated racing dates each year until Shenandoah Downs eventually closed in 1979, with one getting the winter and summer meets and the other getting the spring and fall meets.

One year after Moore became the racing secretary at Charles Town, the track offered the first edition of the West Virginia Breeders Classics, though back then it included only five stakes, capped by the inaugural edition of the Classic, which that year went to local legend Onion Juice. Moore contends the early days were the key to its current success.

"A lot of credit for the West Virginia Breeders Classics has to go to Carol Holden and Millard Harrell," Moore said. "They both knew which horses were bred in West Virginia and certified for the Breeders Classics. Without them to keep track of the numbers each year, it could have never survived. Sam [Huff] did a great job of bringing in the sponsors and the money and getting the night in the spotlight, but Carol and Millard were the keys to getting it started and keeping it going."

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‘Mellow’ Whereshetoldmetogo goes down swinging at Parx

He’s a pussycat around the barn, but once on the racetrack he’s got the fire of a tiger.

Yet despite his feisty demeanor while racing, his connections were surprised—shocked, even—when Whereshetoldmetogo bared his teeth and tried to savage rival Firenze Fire as they hurtled toward the finish line of the Gallant Bob Stakes-G3 at Parx Racing Sept. 22. The move proved futile, as Whereshetoldmetogo had to settle for second, but briefly elevated the Maryland-bred 3-year-old to internet sensation complete with video clips, Twitter mentions and “If you can’t beat ‘em, bite ‘em” jokes.

“He never did anything like that before,” said trainer Tony Pecoraro, who is stabled at Delaware Park. “It came as a complete surprise to me. He’s a pretty mellow horse.”

Perhaps it was the heat of battle or the ding-dong for dominance that unleashed Whereshetoldmetogo’s inner demons. Maybe it was a rush of hormones, that Mother Nature “call of the wild” that drives stallions to assert dominance over one another.

Whatever possessed Whereshetoldmetogo to reach over and bite the neck of Firenze Fire, it sure turned out to be a crowd-pleaser. A roar went up from those standing on the track apron, punctuated by shouts of “Did you see that?” and “Whoo-hoo!” and “That horse bit the other one!”

The Gallant Bob’s stretch drive set up thusly: Favored Firenze Fire, from the Jason Servis barn, led the 6-furlong race at the quarter pole when he was confronted and passed on the outside by the rallying Whereshetoldmetogo and jockey Jeremy Rose. Firenze Fire summoned an inner reserve and dug in, with Irad Ortiz Jr. urging the colt to again take a short advantage. Meanwhile, Whereshetoldmetogo responded to Firenze Fire’s re-rally and—just before the wire—tried to savage his rival.

Whereshetoldmetogo didn’t actually get in a bite, but did make contact—with wide-open jaws.

“At no point in my career had that ever happened before,” said Rose, who has ridden more than 13,000 races. “I had the stick in my left hand and I thought for sure we were going to get past Firenze Fire, and then he pulled the reins out of my hands and went to bite [Firenze Fire]. He had his ears pinned back and looked like a shark.”



KIM PRATT

Added Rose: “I really don’t hear a whole lot during a race, but I heard everyone yelling this time.”

Whereshetoldmetogo’s breeder, David Wade, remembers the son of El Padrino and the Domestic Dispute (hah) mare Undisputed Legend as being very mild-mannered from the time he was a foal.

“He was big, leggy and gangly, and had the sweetest disposition,” said Wade, the general manager of Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md. “He wasn’t aggressive at all. He was the coolest horse to be around, and he was one of the biggest yearlings I’d ever seen. He probably stands 17 hands now. He always was very kind.”

Wade said after he watched the Gallant Bob via simulcast he thought, “It speaks to his heart and his competitiveness. He just didn’t want to lose.”

At the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale Oct. 1, Wade offered Whereshetoldmetogo’s half-brother, a colt by Golden Lad, as part of the Northview Stallion Station consignment. A large banner, with a photo by Barbara Livingston, proclaimed: “This family doesn’t go down without a fight!”

“We bought the rights to the photograph and used it to market the Golden Lad colt,” said Wade. “It was the topic of conversation and really got noticed.”

The colt, Hip 1 at the two-day sale, sold for \$35,000.

Mark Esposito of Black Cloud Racing bought Whereshetoldmetogo for \$7,000 at the same sale in 2016, and he joined Pecoraro’s barn when he turned 2. The chestnut colt won his debut in June 2017 and added the First State Dash Stakes at Delaware. This year, he won a stakes at Gulfstream Park in February, and came into the Gallant Bob off three consecutive wins—an allowance at Delaware in June, the Concern and Star de Naskra Stakes (both at Laurel) in July and August.

“He was pretty nice as a 2-year-old, but over the last year that’s when his attitude started to change,” said Esposito. “Now he has a, ‘Do you know who I am?’ attitude.”

But that doesn’t necessarily mean he bites everyone. Pecoraro said that Whereshetoldmetogo is good to work around in the barn, but Esposito said he’s been nipped a few times by the colt.

“Maybe it’s just me,” the owner said with a laugh. And his name, Esposito said, was inspired by his favorite song by country singer Eric Church, “Where She Told Me To Go.”

Just prior to the Gallant Bob, Esposito sold 75 percent of Whereshetoldmetogo through BSW Bloodstock to a group that included Madaket Stables (Sol Kumin), Ten Strike Racing and Michael Kisber. The colt shipped to Kentucky to begin a new chapter of his career with trainer Brad Cox.

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Marylander Moore enjoys Grade 1 win



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Sabrina Moore was driving to a friend's birthday party about the time Knicks Go, the 2-year-old colt she raised in Maryland, was stepping into the gate for the Claiborne Breeders' Futurity-G1 at Keeneland.

"I had tried to pull it up on my phone before the race, but it wouldn't work so I was driving," she said. "I knew it was about time for the race, 5:15 or something, then 5:16 . . . 5:17 . . . and I thought, 'I wonder how he did?'"

Then her phone acted like a Jack Russell Terrier seeing a rabbit.

"Bz. Bzz. Bzzz. Bzzzz. Bzzzzz. Bzzzzzzttt."

Knicks Go, bred by Moore's mother Angie and raised at their Green Mount Farm on Butler Road in Reisterstown, was a Grade 1 winner with a ticket to the

Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Moore felt proud, happy, thrilled . . . and a little sad too. She'd sold Knicks Go for \$40,000 as a weanling in 2016, then sold his dam Kosmo's Buddy this summer after the colt broke his maiden at Ellis Park.

"I instantly felt terrible, and asked 'Why? Why? Why? Why did I sell that mare?'" Moore admitted. "Then I was like, 'That's awesome.' Then I felt sick. Then I got OK about it. And I am OK about it. I have a brother. I have a sister. I made a business decision and sold the mare for a fair price at the time—you're supposed to sell them when it's relevant."

Welcome to the horse business, kid. As an old bloodstock agent once said, "Better to sell and regret than keep and regret." Besides, Moore will take the success. The 26-year-old is only a few years removed from being a high-school barrel racer with dreams of a career in the Thoroughbred business. She thought about steeplechasing, spent a winter working for Maryland horseman Billy Santoro, soaked up knowledge from trainer Tim Keefe, asked breeder/bloodstock agent Don Litz a mountain of questions, hung on every word from sales consignor Bill Reightler.

And, with help from her mother, launched a business. Green Mount oper-

ates on 20 acres at the home farm, plus another 80 rented down the road. The barns and fields are filled with 50 horses (all but six owned by paying clients), and she's produced a Grade 1 winner.

"My mom always jokes, 'Maybe you'll get a nice horse one day, one day, one day,'" said Moore. "It's unbelievable that it happened. I never expected one to jump up and do this so soon. I'm happy for everybody—the horse, the people who have him, the mare—everybody."

The Korea Racing Authority purchased Knicks Go for \$87,000 from Woods Edge Farm at Keeneland September in 2017, and sent him to trainer Ben Colebrook after scratching from the OBS 2-year-old sale in April. The son of Paynter won his debut at Ellis Park July 4, finished fifth in the Sanford-G2 at Saratoga 17 days later and was third in the Arlington-Washington Futurity in September. Dismissed at 70-1 in the Breeders' Futurity, Knicks Go set the pace and drew off to win by 5½ lengths in a field of 13.

Like Moore, Colebrook is a newcomer to such big moments and was emotional after his first Grade 1 win.

"That's pretty special," he said. "I didn't really expect it today. I thought the horse would run good but he exceeded all our expectations for sure."

As for Moore, she remembers a "really, really tough" young horse on her farm. She let her boyfriend, Maryland Hunt Cup winning rider Eric Poretz, do most of the early work.

"I pride myself in being pretty good with bad horses, but I told Eric he could have this one," said Moore, who still sports a small mark on her thigh from a kick by Knicks Go. "He would drag Eric around everywhere. He got to be a pretty nice classy horse, but he was hell to deal with at first. Just strong, completely strong. He would walk off, just tuck his chin and walk off and there was no stopping him."

Angie Moore and Keefe claimed Kosmo's Buddy (by Outflanker) for \$40,000 in 2010, and her foals include two additional winners plus a Broken Vow weanling colt headed to Keeneland this month and an Orb yearling colt sold privately this fall. Green Mount also owns Pinkprint, a half-sister to Knicks Go, in foal to Great Notion.

—Joe Clancy

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Literally, he just walked out and I was like ‘DONE! I am in love with him!’ ”

You might automatically believe that the very newly married Mary McGlothlin was telling the tale of the first time she saw her husband, former professional polo player Darin Martin. You would be wrong. Rather, the object of her total devotion for the past 15 years has been the quirky bay gelding who became one of the most recognizable names in American steeplechasing—Bubble Economy.

The horse’s resume, like his history with McGlothlin, is lengthy and memorable. Bred in Pennsylvania by Tim and Nina Gardner and Rick and Dixie Abbott, the bay son of Rakeen and the Vaal Reef mare Buffels was foaled on May 10, 1999. Offered at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale in 2000, he sold for \$50,000 to Gary Sciacca. Bubble Economy made his debut—and solitary

start as a 2-year-old—in December 2001 at Aqueduct for owner Klaravich Stables and trainer Rick Violette. And finished last, more than 30 lengths behind the winner.

Given every opportunity by those connections, he made six starts on the flat at 3 in 2002 but never finished better than third. After a “no rally” effort in a maiden special at Saratoga that August, he was sold privately to Arcadia Stable and trainer Jack Fisher, McGlothlin’s employer at the time. Her Cupid’s arrow moment occurred when she went to pick up the horse from Violette’s barn on the Saratoga backside.

The next month, Bubble Economy was a hurdler and he finished second in his debut at Shawan Downs and second again at Far Hills, in the Gladstone Hurdle Stakes-G3, in October.

“It was a quick turnaround,” said McGlothlin. “He took to it so easy. Jumping was not hard for him.”

He graduated the maiden ranks at Colonial Downs the next summer, and won over hurdles again in November 2003 and April 2004. The following month, Fisher made the conversion to timber and Bubble Economy delivered in his debut, winning the Mason Houghland Memorial Stakes at the Iroquois.

His pages-long race record shows that Bubble Economy was a force in timber racing through 2010, hitting most every stop on the circuit. Bubble Economy won the National Steeplechase Association’s timber championship in 2004 (despite just a single win) and again in 2008 (three wins) and 2010 (two). Only four-time champions Saluter (1990s) and *Jacko (1970s) won more in an award dating to 1953.

Bubble Economy won the Virginia Gold Cup (2008 and 2010) and Mason Houghland (2004 and 2010) twice each, and also won the Grand National (2007), International Gold Cup (2008) and Middleburg Hunt Cup (2009). Along the way, he managed to lose nine consecutive races in 2004 and 2005, fell while in contention at the last fence of the 2007 Virginia Gold Cup and refused at a fence in the 2008 Pennsylvania Hunt Cup.

Like McGlothlin, Fisher understood and appreciated Bubble Economy’s personality. After winning the Virginia Gold Cup at Great Meadow in 2010, Fisher returned to the barn to see the horse still on his toes.

“He didn’t usually decompress until a bit after the race,” McGlothlin said. “So he was dancing around while he was walking, and Jack said, ‘Well you don’t look tired at all, so you’re going to Tennessee next week.’ ”

So off he went, and he won the 3-mile Mason Houghland a week after the 4-mile Gold Cup.

Per usual, Bubble Economy was turned out for the summer before jump racing resumed in the fall. An injury was discovered when he was brought back in, and he missed the 2011 season. He returned in 2012 and ran just twice—a second in the My Lady’s Manor in April and a fourth in the Virginia Gold Cup in May. After 11 racing seasons, Bubble Economy was retired with a record of 56-14-15-7 (on the flat, over hurdles and over timber) and \$454,100 earned.

The original plan was for him to become a foxhunter for Dolly Fisher, Jack’s mother.

"That didn't work for several reasons," McGlothlin said. "He's not always honest to a fence, he cribs, and he can weave and be hard to catch. So it didn't work for Dolly to ride him and it didn't work for Dr. [John] Fisher to have such a pain in the butt on his farm, I think. A couple months after I left Jack in 2013, he called me and said, 'It's not working—do you want him?' And I said, 'It's about time.' So I went up to get him, and he's been with me since then."

Now 19, "Bubbles" resides at Hyggelig Haven, the Butler, Md., farm McGlothlin manages for Michael and Charlene Petersen. His pasture mates are 14-year-old Vamanos and 23-year-old Chilito, who finished 11th in the 1998 Kentucky Derby and was featured in this column in June 2016.

While Bubble Economy now suffers from a mild case of Cushing's Disease, little else has changed. He is equal parts senior citizen and fire-breathing 3-year-old, depending on his mood. McGlothlin still rides him several times each week, following his cues and allowing him to dictate their activity. When she approaches with his bridle, he opens his mouth and waits for the bit. If he prefers a walk, they'll take a stroll; should he feel a bit more ambitious, there are some small logs to pop over. Martin, who met McGlothlin in 2014, has also been on him.

Day to day, the gelding is the farm's sentry, on patrol and noticing everything. While the recent addition of new birdhouses went unnoticed by his neighbors, the old timber horse took a close inspection.

Every subtle change requires his reaction. He nickers to his buddies when they leave the barn for a ride and again says hello when they return.

"He's like the greeter to everyone," McGlothlin said. "It warms my heart that all the other horses like him; he's everyone's friend. I was blessed to have him as one of my rides pretty much every day while I was working for Jack. Anyone who throws a leg over a horse that they love understands the connection that is built when you get to do it every day. I appreciated his honesty in saying what ground, courses and jumps he liked. He taught me so much over the years and I am incredibly blessed again to give him the retirement he deserves."

As for Martin, he assigned Bubble Economy the highest possible form of praise: "He would have been a great polo pony."



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Idle thoughts, oddball ideas at the sales

The stuff you think about at a horse sale that get a little monotonous after awhile...

■ If I were designing a sales pavilion, I'd look hard at the English/Irish versions where the horse for sale gets the opportunity to walk while the auctioneer rat-a-tat-tats through the bids. It's always going to be a foreign environment for a horse, but the ability to walk has to help. Horses in the rings at Tattersalls and Goffs or wherever else, look calmer, a little less agitated by it all, and buyers get one last chance to see them walk.

American sales tend to have an auctioneer and an announcer high above a small ring where a horse is expected to stand or—frequently—walk/spin in a tight, unnatural circle. The horses look unnerved, harried, out of place as the action swirls

around them. I feel a little bad for them, especially when one kicks the wall, steps into the decorations around the ring or rears up while looking for a way out.

Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's ring in Timonium includes a decorative rope supported by black posts that proved not quite enough to contain one spooked yearling who flattened a few posts and delayed the sale 20 minutes or so while repairs were made. Everything worked out fine, but it's a wonder that doesn't happen more often.

Like many things, it's nobody's fault; it's just the way it is or has been. But if anybody's building a new sales arena—or remodeling an old one—think about it.

Oh, on a similar vein. Do the horses get a chance to school in the ring before a sale? Trainers do it all the time at the racetrack. They take a horse to the paddock, let him/her stand awhile, then head back home. The idea is that the horse figures out that the paddock—although new—isn't such a bad place. Then again, maybe horses wouldn't go within 10 yards of the building if they'd been in it before. I don't know. But it would be interesting to find out.

■ Is there a better way to get inexpensive yearlings into the racing world? I know, I know, it's an auction, a marketplace, they bring what they bring, all horses deserve a chance to shine, you never know what might happen, yeah, yeah, yeah. But those \$1,000 yearlings take time to sell too and watching auctioneers try to wring bids in \$200 increments out of people can be tortuous (and I love horses and horse sales).

This idea isn't totally mine. It hatched from a conversation with another somewhat overwhelmed witness who would probably deny it, and then took flight as the what-ifs bounced around two brains looking for something else to think about other than English-accented quips from Terence Collier.

At the lower level, is there another way to do this?

Maybe.

If you'd sell your yearling for \$2,500 or less—yes that's an arbitrary number—would you be willing to put said yearling into a lottery (not sure what else to call it) that splits revenue between a worthwhile char-

ity and the owner/breeder? If you'd buy a yearling for \$2,500 or less, would you pay for a ticket that guarantees you a horse without being able to choose it?

Stop laughing. Pick up the magazine you threw across the room. I'll wait . . .

Oh, you're back. Thanks. Where were we?

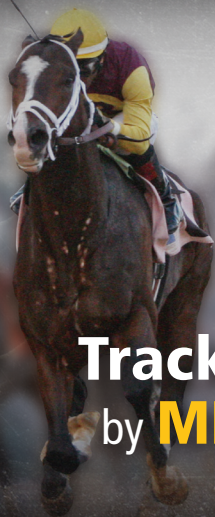
As an example, the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale in October included 51 horses who sold for \$2,500 or less. They're by Tapizar, Animal Kingdom, Super Ninety Nine, Imagining, Central Banker, First Samurai, English Channel and so on. Surely there are some diamonds in among the rough. In the lottery format, would-be buyers pay \$2,500 for a ticket that guarantees them a randomly assigned horse with \$500 to charity (Thoroughbred aftercare or retirement perhaps) and the rest to the seller.

The move would require somebody to identify yearlings as lottery horses and cost Fasig-Tipton a small amount in commissions, but would also shave approximately two hours off the sale and create a fun (and funny) way into the game for some people. The whole thing could happen at a party of some kind, raising awareness and celebrating the idea. And nothing would stop you from buying multiple tickets or trading among your friends.

Eventually, lottery horses could be eligible for bonuses based on racetrack earnings or gain entry into a restricted stakes of some kind. And away we go. Remember where you heard it first. Or don't.

■ Finally, what about figuring out a way for some live racing on the track at Timonium? Maybe restrict the card to graduates of the sale, but it would add a bit of something to it all. Run a four-race card the first day of the sale (two for fillies, two for colts/geldings).

Yeah, yeah, I know, none of this will ever work. But it's fun to think about. And I can always go back to watching horses go through the ring. ✨



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A Verdant Land

Deep history of success carried Glade Valley for decades

By Cindy Deubler. Photographs by Katherine Turnbull



For nearly 100 years Glade Valley Farms operated on fertile land in north central Maryland, just a few miles northeast of the town of Frederick. It ranked as one of Maryland's most important nurseries, turning out champions, standing leading sires and producing bloodstock that can be found in the pedigrees of racing's elite.

In the fall of 2016, a year after the death of co-owner Howard M. Bender, the era of Glade Valley Farms as a Thoroughbred breeding farm officially came to an end.

All that remains now is the history.

Rich Land and *Challenger II

Retired Chicago advertising executive William Brann had found a new hobby—racing horses—after meeting racing enthusiast Robert S. Castle, an executive with one of Brann's former clients, Montgomery Ward. The two teamed up to form Branncastle Stable in the late 1920s, raced a few winners, and took the big leap to breed their own runners. Said Brann of the partnership years later: "We were two tired and retired businessmen who turned to racing and breeding for recreation."

The decision was made to find a suitable farm. "In quest of a base for their breeding operations, Brann and Castle spent the best part of a year in an exhaustive search,"

wrote Joe Hickey Jr. in a *Maryland Horse* profile of Branncastle great Challedon. "After countless inspection tours and soil analyses, they decided to settle in Frederick County, Maryland, long considered one of the richest and most productive areas in rural America." The area is known for its limestone-rich soil and mineral-rich water—limestone quarrying had been an important industry in Frederick County, and numerous limestone kilns operated in the region, including one on the farm, from the late 1870s until the mid-1950s.

The precise location of the property the partners named Branncastle was a dairy farm in Walkersville. As the farm was being converted into something suit-

able for horses, Brann and Castle commissioned bloodstock agent Christopher J. FitzGerald to find a quality stallion to stand. FitzGerald went to England and purchased *Challenger II.

One of England's top 2-year-olds in 1929, *Challenger II was owned by Lord Dewar (of the Scottish whiskey fame), who intended to race the son of Swynford in the Epsom Derby. When Lord Dewar died in the spring of 1930, the colt was ordered withdrawn from all upcoming engagements due to English racing rules of the time. Brann and Castle reportedly paid \$100,000, with the intention of racing the colt in the U.S. and then retiring him to stud.

Plans went awry immediately, as within 24 hours of buying the undefeated 3-year-old, the partners received word that the colt had severely injured the tendon in his right hind leg while training, having kicked out and getting caught in hidden barbed wire in a hedge. When *Challenger II finally arrived in the United States months later, efforts to get him to the races kept getting derailed as he never fully recovered, and he entered stud at Branncastle Farm in 1932.

Castle, in ill health for many years, made his home on the farm, raising his family and managing the horses, including



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*CHALLENGER II, bay horse, 1927, by Swynford out of Sword Play by Eager. Owned by William L. Brann, of Glade Valley Farm, Frederick and Leading Sire in Maryland for the year of 1938. To November 26 *Challenger II had sired 25 winners of 70 races and \$116,320 (in first monies only) in 1938.

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Laura Gal, daughter of *Sir Gallahad III and mother of Challedon.

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**Challenger II and Laura Gal—sire and dam of Challedon—appeared on 1939 covers of The Maryland Horse.*

overseeing the first crops of Brannncastle's young stallion, until the partnership split up in 1937.

*Challenger II was bred mostly to Brannncastle mares the first years, and was a hit with his first crop, born in 1933. From a dozen foals, he sired 10 winners, including stakes winner Challephen; all 17 foals in his second crop won, and four became stakes winners. Two Brannncastle homebred stakes-winning fillies from that second crop—Savage Beauty and The Schemer—became producers for Alfred G. Vanderbilt's Sagamore Farm. Savage Beauty was the dam of Sagamore-bred stakes winner Femme Fatale (by Discovery), as well as Little Hut (by Occupy), who for the Nuckols Brothers in Kentucky went on to produce important sires Habitat and Northfields. The Schemer was the dam of champion handicap mare Conniver to the cover of Discovery.

Following Castle's departure, Brann changed the name of the farm to Glade Valley, for which the area had been known, and expanded the operation. Over the next 14 years, until his death at age 73 in 1951, Brann saw his farm rise in national prominence and *Challenger II rank first

on the American general sire list. Brann was elected a member of The Jockey Club.

Bluebloods in Maryland

Brann and Castle had purchased more than a dozen mares the first years, the most important a 3-year-old *Sir Gallahad III filly from William Woodward's Belair Stud consignment at Saratoga in August 1932. Laura Gal, a winner of two races that year, was bought specifically to be bred to *Challenger II. She was covered by him in 1933 and remained in training at 4, going winless in 12 starts before being retired.

All eight of Laura Gal's foals were by the Maryland stallion, the first the stakes-placed filly Little Sleeper. Also later purchased by Vanderbilt, Little Sleeper was the second dam of Sagamore's two-time champion Bed o' Roses.

Challedon, Laura Gal's third foal, was born in 1936. The bay colt, bred in the name of Brannncastle, was the first horse to be named the nation's Horse of the Year twice (1939-1940). He won 17 stakes, 20 races in all, from 44 starts, including the Preakness, Whitney, Hollywood Gold Cup, and back-to-back runnings of the Pimlico

Special. He was the leading money winner of 1939, earning \$184,535, which made up more than half of *Challenger II's national leading total.

The town of Frederick took pride in Challedon, and the residents became beneficiaries of his success, with a Hollywood twist.

In 1940, the Tivoli Theatre in Frederick was a popular movie house, designed with large built-in fans to circulate air, but during the summers it remained uncomfortably hot for patrons. Installing air conditioning was cost prohibitive for the owners (estimated at more than \$100,000).

Challedon was in California that summer to contest the Hollywood Gold Cup, accompanied by Brann and a friend, Frederick surgeon Edward Thomas, who was not only a racing fan, but enjoyed going to the Tivoli.

At a pre-race party, Thomas overheard Warner Studio head and Hollywood Park part-owner Jack Warner say he was going to bet \$50,000 on the Gold Cup favorite, *Kayak II. Thomas persuaded the studio mogul to bet on Challedon instead. Warner was rewarded with Challedon's victory, and asked Thomas how he could return the

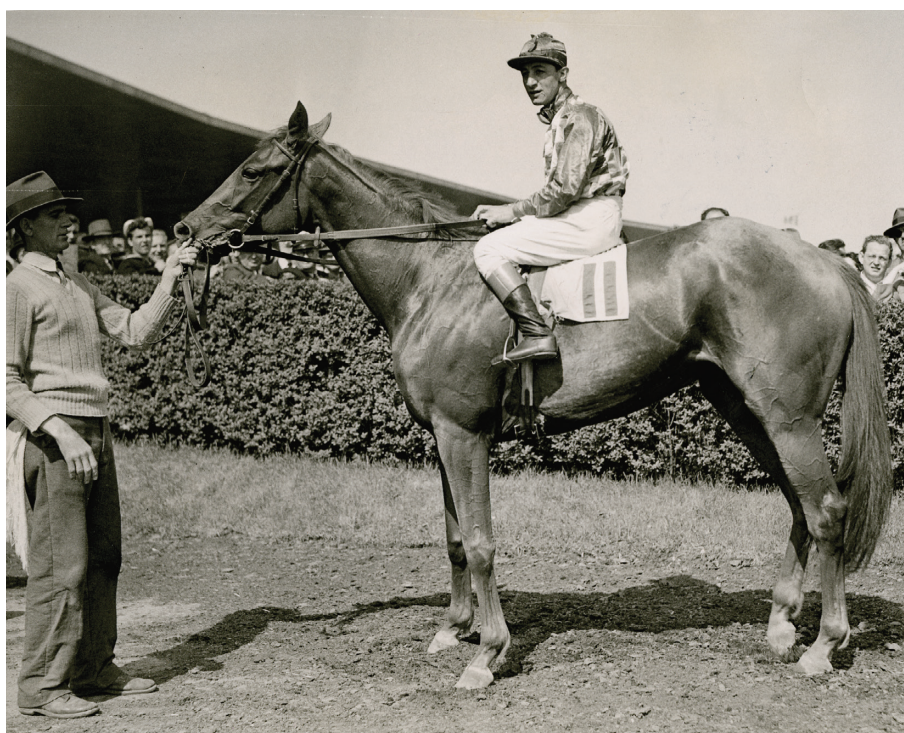


favor. Thomas requested air conditioning in the movie house and the Tivoli Theatre became the first air-conditioned building in Frederick.

Challedon was named to the National Racing Hall of Fame in 1977, joining another great born at the Walkersville farm, Gallorette, who had been inducted in 1962.

Gallorette, a 1942 daughter of *Challenger II, was bred in the name of Hall of Fame trainer Preston Burch out of the *Sir Gallahad III mare Gallette. Brann had been looking to purchase as many *Sir Gallahad III mares as he could find to breed to his stallion, and Burch had Gallette, but didn't want to part with her. So Burch and Brann set up an arrangement where the mare was bred to *Challenger II every year, and they would alternate as owner of her foals. Brann got the first one—Gallorette.

The big rangy chestnut proved to be one of the finest distaffers in racing history. She was named champion handicap mare in 1946, but by the end of her career the majority of her races came in the handicap division against males, whom she routinely defeated. She raced 72 times and won 21 (13 stakes)—and retired as the



Two of the greatest runners born in Maryland were both campaigned by William Brann and are in the National Hall of Fame: Challedon (top) in winner's circle after the 1939 Preakness, and Gallorette (bottom), who retired as the world's richest money-winning distaffer.



Street signs in Walkersville honor the past, while remnants of one of the nation's most successful farms remain: the former stallion barn, converted into a cottage; and rows of trees that bordered the driveway.

world's leading money-winning mare with \$445,585, but the numbers don't come close to indicating her greatness.

When she defeated Stymie in the Brooklyn Handicap of 1946, it was only the third time in 58 runnings of the race that a mare had accomplished the feat. She won that season's Metropolitan Handicap over 13 others, as well as the Bay Shore Handicap in which the previous year's Preakness winner Polynesian was third. The next year she missed by a head to Rico Monte in the Whitney, with Stymie third, set a track record at Saratoga in the Wilson Stakes at 1 mile, and carried up to 128 pounds. At age 6, she won the Whitney, Carter and Wilson.

End of Act One

*Challenger II died in December 1948 at age 21 after bouts of colic. He sired 316 foals in 17 crops. His largest crops, an average of 32, came from 1940 through 1942. His numbers included 89 percent starters from foals, 79 percent winners from starters, 34 stakes winners. His daughters produced 48 stakes winners and can be found in the tail female lines of the likes of Hall of Famer Zenyatta, classic winner Shareef Dancer, champion 2-year-old Nadir, Dancer's Image and local legend Little Bold John.

Following Brann's death, his widow Mabel chose to sell the Glade Valley horses as a group. Arthur B. "Bull" Hancock offered to buy one mare in particular, the 8-year-old Gallita (a full-sister to Gallorette), but had to take the entire lot of 16 mares, eight weanlings, four yearlings and the stallions Pictor and *Fast and Fair. Hancock sold them for the Brann estate at Keeneland in 1953, paying \$15,500 for Gallita, who was not in foal. She was bred to Claiborne stallion *Nasrullah the next spring and produced Nadir.

Also among the mares sold was 9-year-old Legendra, stakes-placed daughter of

*Challenger II and Lady Legend and a full sister to stakes winner Pictor. Legendra had one foal of racing age at the time, a 2-year-old son named Life Jacket who finished second in that fall's Pimlico Breeders' Stakes. Taylor Hardin bought Legendra, barren at the time, for \$8,000 and bred three stakes winners in succession from her—Hasty Doll, Rich Tradition and Sky Clipper. From 14 foals, Legendra had 10 winners, five stakes performers, and was behind dozens of stakes performers born at Hardin's Newstead Farm in Virginia, including multiple Grade 1 winner Mrs. Warren, who sold for \$2.1 million at the Newstead Farm dispersal in 1985, and Farouche, a \$1.2 million broodmare at the same dispersal. Zenyatta traces five generations back to Legendra through Newstead-bred Mrs. Peterkin.

Glade Valley Finds a Buyer

Mabel Brann sold the Maryland farm (which had grown to more than 400 acres) at the same time she sold the horses. Steamship company owner Col. Harry B. Marcus, of Washington, D.C., bought the farm's core 152 acres, including the four-stall stallion barn, in September 1953, with no intention of breeding horses.

Marcus trained a few racehorses and planned to use the farm for his runners as well as boarders. By the start of the 1954 breeding season, the farm was standing a young stallion Marcus purchased named The Pincher; the next year four stallions filled the barn, including Altered, a son of Bull Lea syndicated at the end of 1954, with Marcus taking a few shares.

Enter veterinarian Bob Leonard. An Ohio native, Leonard and his wife Nancy, whom he met when working at an Ohio hunt club while finishing his degree at Ohio State, moved to Maryland to specialize in equine veterinary care. While living in nearby Taneytown, Leonard had Glade Valley as a client, and was soon approached

by Marcus, who suggested the young vet purchase the farm as Marcus was tiring of the venture. In a letter about the history of the farm Leonard wrote in November 2009: "I told him I could not afford it at the time. He then said he wanted to introduce me to a friend of his [Jack Bender] who was an animal lover, but did not know much about the racing business.

"Jack and I hit it off immediately; and Col. Marcus, his wife, Jack, Dottie, Nancy and I went to the Saratoga sale, the first of many times for them. While there we sketched out our plans for the partnership. I sold my house at Taneytown, put the proceeds from the sale into the partnership and moved to Glade Valley."

In January 1960, Bender, president of Blake Construction Company, one of the nation's largest builders, Marcus and Leonard became equal shareholders in Glade Valley Farms Inc., with Leonard named resident manager. That first breeding season they brought in *Nasrullah's son Martins Rullah to join stallions Altered, The Pincher and *Speedy d'Arca. Martins Rullah would be the most successful.

Early Growth in Walkersville

Within two years Glade Valley was bursting at the seams. More stallions were standing at stud—Ephraim Winer's Panacean was new for the 1962 season—and with the focus on selling yearlings at public auction, more young mares were joining the broodmare band. The need for additional land was evident, and the partners bought two nearby dairy farms, known as the Mt. Pleasant property, or Meadow Brook Farm, with the focus on training, including breaking yearlings, and rehabilitation. To make it ready for horses, new barns and fencing were installed, older barns and houses remodeled.

The first foals of Martins Rullah made it to the races in 1963, and his first winner was a filly owned by Nancy Leonard

named Martinetta. While he would go on to sire 168 winners from 249 foals and seven stakes winners, Martins Rullah would be remembered mostly for Martinetta. She was the dam of five stakes winners from 10 foals, all bred by Leonard, including Glade Valley's future leading Maryland sire Rollicking and steeplechase star Double Reefed.

The female line tracing back to Martinetta has produced dozens of stakes winners, led by Delaware Handicap-G3 winner Power Play and \$691,867-earner and graded stakes winner Gala Spinaway. In 2010, the Kentucky-bred colt Frac Daddy was born. A graded stakes winner of \$701,236, he was the sixth generation bred by Leonard from Martinetta.

Marcus wanted to sell his share of Glade Valley in 1964, and his two partners bought him out. Around the same time, the 150-acre Walkersville property was sold to the Maryland Baptist College Corporation, with the condition that the farm would continue to be used as a nursery through April 1965.

The college was never built on the Walkersville property and the land was eventually sold for development. There are still remnants of the old Walkersville farm—tree lines that used to border the driveway, the four-stall stallion barn that was turned into a cottage—but the vast majority of the acreage was developed for housing. The builders paid homage to the farm's history—you can travel down Challedon Drive and merge onto Glade Boulevard.

The cottage remains in the Glade Valley family as Larry Murray, the farm's former general manager, and his wife Janice bought it in 1992.

"You can tell when you go in that it was a four-stall stallion barn," said Murray, whose mother-in-law Doris lived there for nearly 20 years. "I've been dragging my feet about renting it or selling it. I think it's because I have an emotional attachment because it was Glade Valley." Murray has recently rented it out.

Historic Property

Glade Valley's breeding stock was moved to the nearly 300-acre Mt. Pleasant property, which had been owned by the Burrier family for about 60 years, and had been a dairy farm since the 1930s. Nancy Leonard, now 90, remembers all the changes at Glade Valley.

"There is nothing wrong with my memory or recall of many, many years, and they were wonderful years, when we lived on and were developing Glade Valley," she



Martins Rullah (above) was the first influential sire to stand at modern-day Glade Valley Farm and was the dam sire of the farm's leading sire Rollicking (below). The stallion barn was built in the early 1960s.





said. "My husband was instrumental in laying out that farm, including fencing for the paddocks and the barns. [On the Mt. Pleasant property] is where the big [40-stall] training barn was built."

For a time, the operation was one of the largest commercial breeding farms on the East Coast, with more than 300 horses on the farm and eight stallions at stud.

The unique octagonal-shaped eight-stall stallion barn, built in the early 1960s, was designed by Nancy Leonard's father Downie W. Moore, a Columbus, Ohio, architect who thought it would be an interesting design.

Moore also helped restore and remodel the farm's historic stone manor house that dates back to 1757, and stayed with the Leonards for six months to supervise the project.

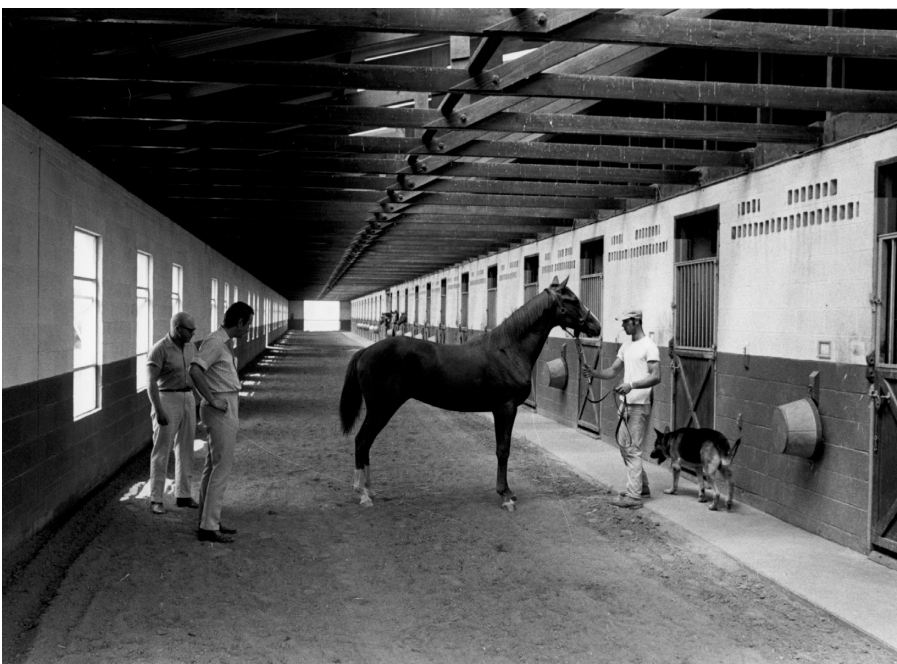
"Some things could be restored and some could not," said Leonard. "We had to change some of the walls—there was one bathroom in the house, and it was located in the middle of the downstairs. There were five doors leading into it. I thought 'my golly, that's really a problem!'"

Jack Bender died in November 1966, and his three sons took over his interest in the farm. Additional properties were purchased, eventually increasing the total Glade Valley acreage to more than 900. One property came to be known as the Hart Farm, for eventual Glade Valley partner Jane Hart, whose husband Philip A. Hart was a senator from Michigan. The Hart family lived in the historic house on Crum Road, which later became the home to Murray and his family.

The farms that make up Glade Valley are well documented in Maryland history, and have been in continuous operation in agriculture for nearly 275 years.

The ownership of the land dates back to Daniel Dulaney in 1724. Less than a decade later, New York widow Susannah Beatty purchased 1,000 acres from Dulaney on the bank of the Monocacy River and moved to the area with her adult children. The house built for her, which still stands, dates to 1732, making it one of the oldest structures in the area. Known as the Beatty-Cramer house, it is owned by the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation and is considered one of the six most important houses in Maryland according to the Maryland Historical Trust.

Beatty subdivided the property for her children, and her son William Beatty and



Dr. Robert Leonard, joined by wife Nancy, was responsible for the layout of the modern Glade Valley Farm, including the 40-stall training barn.

his family built and lived in the stone manor house. There is an unsubstantiated story that during the Revolutionary War, George Washington was a guest at the house after news came that one of the Beatty sons had been killed.

Other significant buildings on the property include one of the few surviving 18th century bank barns in the county.

Rollicking Years

Modern day Glade Valley stood dozens of stallions over the years, including Dancer's Image, the disqualified winner of the 1968 Kentucky Derby, Rambunctious, Spring Double and Shelter Half, but no stallion had more of an impact on the region than homebred Rollicking.

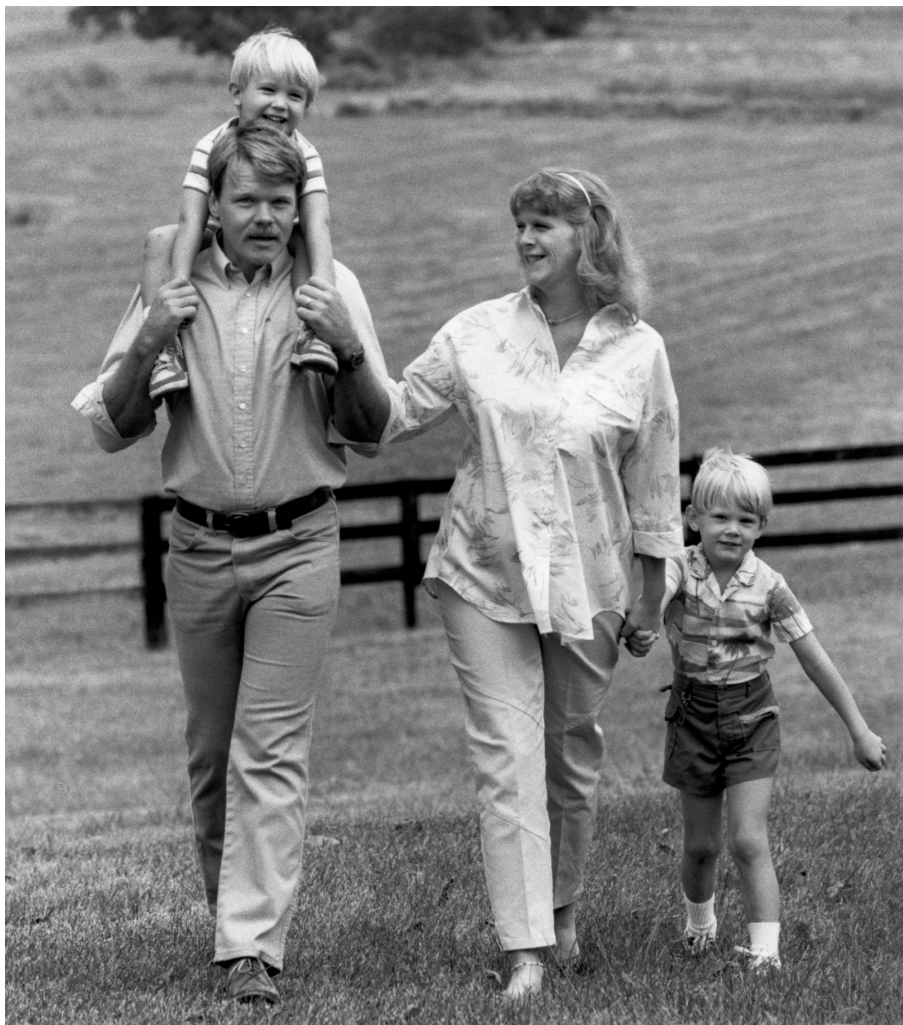
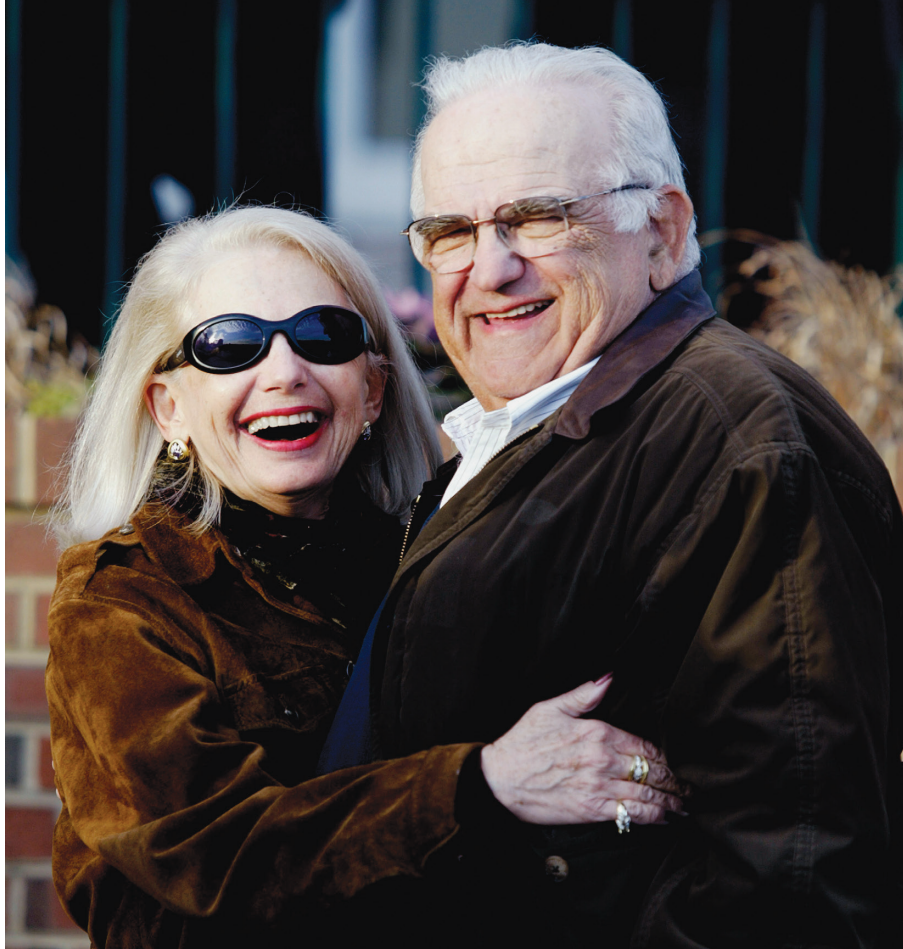
"Rollicking was our horse," said Nancy Leonard. "We owned him. He was one of the many stallions we stood, but probably the most successful. He was a genuine racehorse, always put out 125 percent. And we had a lot of fun with Rollicking. He's buried on the farm, along with his mama [Martinetta]."

Rollicking, the Maryland-bred co-champion 2-year-old colt in 1969, was retired to stud in 1973 and became one of the most popular stallions in the state. He sired 37 stakes winners and was the first sire to have four offspring win stakes on a Maryland Million Day card (in 1988). Rollicking was 26 when he died in 1993.

The husband and wife team of Howard and Sondra Bender became active with the farm years after the death of Howard's father Jack. While brother Stanley Bender had been a longtime horse owner, Howard, who was chairman of the board of Blake Construction Company, didn't take an interest in racing until the early 1980s. In an interview in the March 1987 *Maryland Horse*, Howard noted that following Jack's stable dispersal: "We didn't give a whole lot of thought to the farm after that. Technically we were in the horse breeding business, but Dr. Leonard ran the whole operation."

That changed when the Benders' interest was piqued after meeting John Henry's owners Sam and Dottie Rubin. From the mid-1980s until Howard Bender died in 2015, the Benders bred dozens of top-class stakes winners, all foaled at Glade Valley. They were named TOBA breeder and owner of the year in 2003, and were Maryland Breeder of the Year five times, as early as 2001 and as recently as 2017. Glade

The Benders enjoyed success with their homebreds for nearly 30 years. Larry and Janice Murray and their sons Brian (3) and Patrick (5) enjoyed the country life of Glade Valley in 1987.



Valley Farms was also named Maryland Breeder of the Year, in 1988, two years after the awards were first presented.

The Benders' racing stable, trained by Murray, included such standouts as La Reine's Terms, Foufa's Warrior, Secret River and dozens of others racing in the name of Sondra (who died in 2012) or Howard. Through 2017, the Benders had

bred and owned five Maryland Million winners.

As was repeatedly the case over the decades, the class continues to shine with future generations. One of the best Bender runners, the graded stakes-winning Carson City filly Promenade Girl, has since gone on to produce three-time Grade 1 winner and \$2,063,000-earner Cavorting.

But time changes all things. The Bender family is no longer involved in racing. The horses have been sold. Murray managed their final starts, and their sales or claims, and retired at the end of 2016.

Late in his life, when Dr. Leonard posted his letter to Howard Bender, he recalled his time at Glade Valley and provided his observations during his tenure. The retired veterinarian, who died at 92 in February 2016, spoke for many.

"Looking back over the 50 years since Glade Valley has been under the stewardship of the Benders and the Leonards, it was an extremely successful venture. Jack and I had many memorable times, and we raised some very good horses. Stanley and I established J.I.B. partnership and raced many good horses. Howard and Sondra became interested in racing and developed a very fine stable with many superior racehorses. We all have had a lot of fun, leaving great memories for all involved." 🌟

Special thanks to Joy F. Perry, Glade Valley office manager from January 1979 until the fall of 2016, for the research about the farm she collected and shared.





Glade Valley now

A 900-acre horse farm with only a handful of horses on it, Glade Valley Farms was no longer practical by the turn of the 21st century. The Leonards had already scaled back their operation; the Benders' broodmare band was small and select. Family members weren't interested in continuing on, so the farm went on the market.

Stepping in was a New Jersey developer with a five-year option to buy. Five years of attempts to have the property rezoned for development failed, and the prospective buyer backed out.

"They jumped through hoops to get it zoned," said Larry Murray. "They started with Frederick County and were turned down since it wasn't in the county's master plan. They tried Frederick City to annex it, but no go. They even tried to get Walkersville to annex it in order to develop it, but it didn't go. So the developer walked away.

"We thought it was a done deal at the time—we were going to build another [smaller] farm in Pennsylvania, but the deal fell through," Murray continued.

The buyers who finally stepped in have a local history as rich as the property itself.

"People kept calling me asking about it, if we were interested in it," said John Delaplaine. "They called my dad [George Delaplaine Jr.]. One day my dad said it would be a good investment, so we made an offer and they accepted."

The Delaplaine family traces its line through descendants to John Thomas Schley, who built the first house in Frederick City in 1747. William T. Delaplaine started a print shop in 1880, and then began publishing Frederick's local newspaper—*The News*—three years later. Over the next 120 years, the family operated the *Frederick News-Post*, a printing business, and launched into cable television in the mid-1960s. Frederick

Cablevision Inc., later named GS Communications Inc., grew to serve more than 120,000 subscribers in four states. The cable company was family owned and operated until sold 2001. At that time, The Delaplaine Foundation was created, a private family philanthropic organization with a mission "to support programs to strengthen the arts and sciences, historical preservation, educational advancement, spiritual enlightenment and physical well-being."

A self-described farmer, 52-year-old John Delaplaine didn't know much about Glade Valley Farms, but had driven past it nearly every day. "It's a beautiful farm . . . it's pretty nice knowing that your family owns it."

Delaplaine oversees the entire operation. "It's an overwhelming piece of land. . . Everywhere I turn there is something to do. We purchased 884 acres. Most we have rented out."

That includes the training barn, octagon barn, and all the houses. The land is now mainly used for crops—corn, wheat, soybeans, hay—as well as cattle.

"We don't really have any interest in doing horses," said Delaplaine, who notes he farms whatever is not being rented. There is also agritainment—a corn maze, petting zoo and hay rides—and plans are underway to offer a wedding venue at the former Hart Farm property.

"We're not planning on building houses, but someday maybe," said Delaplaine. "I don't want to say never. But it's just too hard—probably not in my lifetime.

"Hopefully it'll turn out good in the long run," he continued. "It's been two years and it looks the same as it did two years ago." He added quickly: "The [Glade Valley Farms] sign's down right now, just because it rotted and fell apart. We're going to put it back."

— Cindy Deubler

Sweet Decision

*First foal from unraced mare,
CandyLand filly tops yearling sale*

By Joe Clancy

Maryland-bred mare Spin the Bottle, a daughter of Hard Spun and the French Deputy mare Chalonnaise with a long list of stakes performers in her pedigree, should be putting the finishing touches on her 5-year-old season on the racetrack. Her owners should be contemplating another year of racing or, perhaps, a first date with a stallion.

But it wasn't meant to be. Despite her pedigree, size, power, she never raced—and Mike Palmer knows why.

"I have two definitions of horses, they're either pounders or floaters," said the general manager of Delaware's CandyLand Farm. "Pounders are fast, speedy, rapid-type horses but they don't stick around very long. Floaters, they stick around forever and can really run."

And Palmer believes Spin the Bottle produces floaters. Her first foal, a filly by Into Mischief, topped Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's fall yearling sale at Timonium, Md., last month on a \$210,000 bid by Three Diamonds Farm. The sales-topper helped pace a gross of more than \$7 million for just the third time in 10 years, though the \$7.3 million total was down more than \$500,000 over 2017. In all, 338 horses (26 more than last year) sold for an average of \$21,653 and a median of \$15,000 while the buy-back rate decreased to 21.8 percent.

Palmer was proud of the filly, a bay Maryland-bred, and even prouder of her mother.

In early training with Donna Freyer in South Carolina, Spin the Bottle was willing enough and showed ability. But she was hard on herself, however, and

a career as a broodmare held far more promise for Palmer and owners Herb and Ellen Moelis. They'd bought Spin the Bottle's dam Chalonnaise at Timonium for \$150,000 as a 2-year-old, watched her win a race and produce four winners. More importantly, they'd watched her pedigree blossom with graded stakes winner Tasha's Miracle, \$715,000 earner Praetereo, Grade 1 winner Off the Tracks, Grade 2 winner Concord Point and others.

"She never got that close to running," Palmer said of Spin the Bottle. "Donna just said to me one day, 'You know Mike, I don't think we want to ask her to do what we're going to have to ask her to do.' Donna was honest and I appreciated it. I think she could run, and she wanted to run, but it wasn't going to work out."

Instead of racing, the 3-year-old Spin the Bottle went to Kentucky's Spendthrift Farm. Choosing high-end stallion Into Mischief was by design.

"We like breeding these young mares to proven stallions and getting them going, you have to," said Palmer. "If you're a breeder, you can't just breed them to

Timbuktu or Kalamazoo and expect them to be some sort of rock star, especially if you want a commercial horse."

Hip 399 in the two-day sale with 500 horses in the catalog and addendum, the Timonium sales-topper was certainly commercial. She opened at \$100,000 and spurred a brief frenzy in the pavilion and from Fasig-Tipton staffers working telephones. Ultimately, phone bidder Three Diamonds landed the prize over J.J. Crupi and others. Managed by Pennsylvanian Kirk Wycoff and his son Jordan, Three Diamonds has horses in training with Mike Maker and Todd Pletcher (and won the 2017 Maryland Million Classic with Bonus Points).

Palmer wasn't optimistic of topping the sale early in the catalog as buyers seemed more hesitant at the opening afternoon/evening session Oct. 1. CandyLand sold a Malibu Moon filly there for \$110,000—good, but not great.

"It seemed like everybody was testing the market," Palmer said of the early going. With his other star so late on the second day, he just played a waiting game while wondering if enough high-end buyers would latch on to the Into Mischief filly.

"She was kind of overlooked because she was so late in the sale," he said. "I just let her sit over there and do her thing and concentrated on the horses at hand. She handled the waiting just fine. She's just one of those cool cucumbers. And then everybody and their brother was on her. It was a lot of fun. They bought a nice filly."

CandyLand led all consignors by average (\$44,735) and was second by gross



CandyLand Farm's Into Mischief filly topped the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale at \$210,000.

TOP-PRICED YEARLINGS

Fillies

- \$210,000** B.f., Into Mischief—Spin the Bottle, by Hard Spun (Md.); CandyLand, agent II; Three Diamonds Farm.
- \$160,000** Dk.b./br.f., Cairo Prince—Gracecontour, by Henny Hughes (Ky.); Old Chapel Farm (Andrew Motion); Cary Frommer, agent.
- \$150,000** B.f., Ghostzapper—Naive Enough, by Street Sense (Md.); Sagamore Farm; Thomas Fackler, agent.
- \$120,000** Ch.f., Golden Lad—Slow and Steady, by Malibu Moon (Md.); CandyLand, agent XI; Hillwood Stable LLC.
- \$110,000** Dk.b./br.f., Malibu Moon—Apple Pie Baby, by Not For Love (Ky.); CandyLand, agent IV; John Servis.
- \$102,000** Ch.f., Declaration of War—Entwine, by Empire Maker (Ky.); Blake-

Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC, agent III; Owls Bloodstock.

\$87,000 Ch.f., Carpe Diem—Street Interest, by Street Cry (Ire) (Va.); Morgan's Ford Farm; Country Life Farm.

\$70,000 Dk.b./br.f., Commissioner—Encore, by Storm Cat (Ind.); Woodford Thoroughbreds, agent CXI; Grassroots Training & Sales LLC.

Colts

\$200,000 B.c., Uncle Mo—Who's Cozy, by Cozzene (Md.); Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; Albert Frassetto/J.J. Crupi, agent.

\$145,000 B.c., Shackleford—Teruko, by Coronado's Quest (Md.); Bayne and Christina Welker, Marshall W. Silverman, agent; Pleasant Valley Farm.

\$120,000 B.c., Great Notion—What Am I Gonna Do, by Partner's Hero (Pa.); Woodford Thoroughbreds, agent CXXXII; Hillwood Stable LLC.

\$110,000 Ch.c., Munnings—Playful Humor, by Distorted Humor (Md.); R.S. Evans, Bill Reightler, agent; Big Lick Farm.

\$95,000 Ch.c., Imagining—Formalities Aside, by Awesome Again (Md.); Becky Davis Inc., agent; D. Hatman Thoroughbreds LLC.

\$72,000 Dk.b./br.c., Golden Lad—Belterra, by Unbridled Star, by Afternoon Deelites (Pa.); Stuart Morris, agent X; Russ Young.

\$70,000 Dk.b./br.c., Maclean's Music—Deelitel Star, by Afternoon Deelites (Pa.); Stuart Morris, agent X; Russ Young.

(\$760,500) while selling 17 yearlings. Palmer called the success a mix of horses and location.

"We try to breed good horses and we try to expose them here," he said. "We're hands-on and want them at the farm. We baby them a little bit, not too much. They're outside absorbing every bit of rain and hearing every crack of the lightning and thunder. You can't raise a tough horse if you don't do it."

CandyLand's access to the various regional incentive programs helps the cause as well.

"Five or six years ago this filly probably wouldn't be a Maryland-bred, she'd have been a Kentucky-bred," he said. "The farm is in Delaware, they get the Delaware certification, and they foal in Maryland so they're Maryland-breds. With all those little engagements adding up and keeping the mares and foals closer to home, I like that."

Late bid lands early colt

Sitting on a stool at the back of the pavilion, buyer J.J. Crupi watched the price of Hip 12 rise in chunks—big chunks—thanks to a sire (Uncle Mo) with clout, a female family full of stakes horses and a classic bay look that might have kept people out of a free crabcake line at Michael's.

Crupi, a bigger fan of Vito's anyway, waited until the bidding slowed—and nearly stopped—before signaling with his right hand. Normally a quiet observer, Fasig-Tipton president and CEO Boyd Browning Jr. yelped like a bid spotter to make sure the \$200,000 bid registered. Nobody else countered, and the colt lasted as the sale's highest-priced colt (and second overall) for Crupi and client Albert Frassetto.

Consigned by Northview Stallion Station, the Maryland-bred is out of star broodmare Who's Cozy. Stakes-placed for owner Richard Golden and trainer Michael Dickinson, the daughter of Cozzene has produced four winners led by stakes winner Who's in Town and the stakes-placed Campaign Vows, plus stakes producer Who's in Love. Second dam Who Did It and Run won two graded stakes and produced eight winners.

Northview's David Wade rode out the late bid from Crupi and laughed about it—afterward.

"You couldn't be any later," Wade said. "The horse had a lot of activity back at the barn, four vets on him which is good. That was about the least amount we were going to take, I think, but I thought he might go a little higher. You can't predict where people are going to stop on a horse like that."

Selling early may have affected the colt's price, though Wade said quality always shines through.

"When you have a good horse there aren't too many bad spots for it," he said. "You can bring a horse like that over here and it's a standout but also people aren't always in the frame of mind to spend a ton of money. In Kentucky, you've got a lot of people who spend stratospheric prices, but your horse might get overlooked a little. Here there's a handful [of bigger buyers] and you've just got to make sure you get a couple of them on your horse."

Northview sold 21 horses for \$560,000, good for fourth on the gross list, and was pushed along by a \$60,000 Redeemed colt though a Blame—Great Hostess filly (\$65,000) and a Flatter—American Victory colt (\$120,000) failed to sell.

Sale Snippets

Timonium regular Cary Frommer went to \$160,000 to land a Cairo Prince—Graceontour filly from Virginia consigner Andrew Motion's Old Chapel Farm. The filly, a \$110,000 purchase at Keeneland January, was withdrawn from Fasig-Tipton's select sale at Saratoga and rewarded all for the patience.

In the roughly two months in between, she grew up and her first-crop sire showed signs of life. In early August, he had zero winners. By early October, his progeny included Grade 3 winner Cairo Cat, Grade 2-placed Pakhet, double winner Marquee Prince and plenty of other positive signs.

"Saratoga wasn't her fault," said Motion. "I was taking two fillies to Saratoga anyway but I realized I was in a better position with a freshman sire [Carpe Diem] than a second-year sire and once two or three people asked me about Cairo Prince because he hadn't done anything I knew I was in the wrong spot."

Motion went to Plan B, got the sire push he was hoping for and watched his dark bay filly continue to grow into herself.

"She grew up a lot," he said. "It was just giving her the time and waiting for Cairo Prince to come around, which we all knew he would. I like to support this sale. Every time I've come here with a decent horse I've done well."

Frommer regularly buys decent horses, and then some, at Timonium and was happy to make the Kentucky-bred filly part of her group of five this year.

"We had seen her in Saratoga and she just grew and developed and Cairo Prince jumped up and started doing more interesting things so we're tickled to get her

LEADING CONSIGNORS BY AVERAGE (3+ SOLD)

CandyLand, agt. (17).....	\$44,735
Dark Hollow Farm, agt. (4).....	35,000
Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC, agt. (8).....	34,125
Chanceland Farm, agt. (12).....	30,083
Anchor & Hope Farm (3).....	30,000
Woodford Thoroughbreds, agt. (15).....	29,633
Walnut Green LLC, agt. (3).....	28,167
Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agt. (21).....	26,667
Marshall W. Silverman, agt. (38).....	24,513
Becky Davis, agt. (13).....	22,731

LEADING CONSIGNORS BY GROSS

Marshall W. Silverman, agt. (38)....	\$931,500
CandyLand, agt. (17).....	760,500
Bill Reightler, agt. (36).....	575,200
Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agt. (21).....	560,000
Woodford Tbreds, agt. (15).....	444,500
Vinery Sales, agt. (25).....	394,900
Chanceland Farm, agt. (12).....	361,000
Paramount Sales, agt. (23).....	347,000
Becky Davis, agt. (13).....	295,500
Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC, agt. (8).....	273,000

LEADING BUYERS BY GROSS

Joseph Besecker (31).....	\$609,200
Grassroots Training & Sales (11).....	375,000
D. Hatman Thoroughbreds (7).....	296,000
Three Diamonds Farm (3).....	263,000
Hillwood Stable (2).....	240,000
Cary Frommer, agt. (2).....	225,000
Albert Frassetto (J.J. Crupi, agt. (1).....	200,000
Pleasant Valley Farm (2).....	180,000
Thomas Fackler, agt. (1).....	150,000
Owls Bloodstock (2).....	139,000

and we've tried to buy off of Andrew a couple times," Frommer said. "He always has horses we like. He grows nice, beautiful horses. He buys a nice horse, and he sells a healthy horse. There are no smoke and mirrors."

Based in Aiken, S.C., Frommer shops regularly at Timonium—where she typically buys on the higher-end of the market—to fuel her 2-year-old sales business.

"There's a little lack of top quality horses I guess, but every year I get one or two out of here that are among my best horses," she said. "This is my hub. I love this place. The two I bought so far today I can feel good about them anywhere. Sometimes you have to have a little more vision, but that's what it's all about."

Frommer also bought Maryland-bred colts by Malibu Moon (\$65,000) and Golden Lad (\$50,000) and a Maryland-bred filly by Broken Vow. She and partner Barry Berkelhammer didn't go down as buyers of another colt, a Maryland-bred by Imagining, but offered some advice to buyer Melvin St. Clair Jr. who landed the chestnut for \$17,000. The Virginia resident works in the information technology field and bought a Flat Out filly at the sale in 2017 as well.

"I haven't had any racehorses yet, my first one is still training," he said. "I enjoy the sport and it's just exciting for me. Barry and Cary gave me good advice."

The 2018 purchase brings some pedigree as a half-sibling to eight winners including stakes winner Vielsalm and the stakes-placed Open the Bank and Fujita. Further back, the colt is related to Maryland Million winners Undercover and My Magician among others.

St. Clair liked what he saw.

"He walked really strong and he's got a presence about himself," he said. "I thought I might have to go to 20 (thousand) so 17 is good. He will go to Cary for training and she'll let us know what to do from there."

■ The dozen broodmares at Sagamore Farm played a trick in 2017, producing nothing but fillies and helping push the Maryland operation into the yearling sales ring this year. At Timonium, a Maryland-bred daughter of Ghostzapper brought \$150,000 from Tommy Fackler as a step toward diversifying the group.

"Really," Sagamore's Hunter Rankin replied to some incredulity about the all-female group. "We're selling a few and getting some colts. You can't keep them all and we just thought she was a good sale prospect. She's by a good sire, she's



Northview Stallion Station's Uncle Mo—Who's Cozy colt topped the first session (and all colts).



Old Chapel Farm's daughter of Cairo Prince and Graceontour was the second-highest filly.

very classy and we wanted to support this sale too. Maryland's home for us and we support the Maryland breeding program obviously. It's important for the state, it's important for Sagamore that Maryland's healthy."

Fackler, who runs Best A Luck Farm in Florida, said the filly—whose dam Naive

Enough won twice and is a full-sister to stakes winner Light the City—fit his approach to the sale.

"We might shoot for pinhooking her but we might keep her and run her too," he said. "She's a pretty filly. My guys wanted her so we gave it a shot. You've got to fight for them here sometimes, but it's a good

spot to buy nice horses. We got shut out on a few so sometimes you've got to stretch."

Sagamore also sold yearling fillies out of Grade 1 winner Shared Account at Saratoga (\$350,000) and Grade 2 winner Daring Dancer (\$600,000) at Keeneland September this year

■ Timonium's yearling sale is always a destination for regional trainers, and Maryland-based Phil Schoenthal left with 13 horses for owner D Hatman Thoroughbreds and other clients. The Hatman group included a \$95,000 colt by Imagining out of Formalities Aside and a \$63,000 filly by Mr Speaker while Schoenthal bought others for as little as \$4,000 and as much as \$22,000.

Schoenthal called Timonium a good place for trainers to shop.

"We find the sweet spot in the market because pinhookers need a very specific thing from a sirepower standpoint and a

horse that vets just perfectly, where an end user has more flexibility," he said. "There's a huge group of horses that kind of fall into our wheelhouse that seem like good buys here."

When pressed for one he's most excited about, Schoenthal singled out the Imagining colt. The chestnut is a half-brother to eight winners including multiple stakes winner Awesome Flower and the stakes-placed First Mondays.

The latter topped the 2016 yearling sale at Timonium at \$450,000, won his first two starts this year and placed third in the Smart Jones Stakes-G3 at Parx Racing in late August.

Consigned by Becky Davis, the Maryland-bred Hip 171 will get a chance to succeed in his home state.

"When you have a female family like that it gives you hope," Schoenthal said. "I've got a friend who says to me, 'If you're

trying to hunt for elephants, you've got to look for signs of elephants laying around.' And from a pedigree standpoint, if I'm trying to buy a racehorse I better see racehorses in the immediate family. He's got a lot of racehorses in his family."

Most in the Schoenthal brigade will be Virginia-certified and those that are already part of that program will head to South Carolina for early training before arriving at his base at Laurel Park. Schoenthal loved the ability to shop for multiple horses.

"It was a huge blessing this year to know we were going to buy a lot of horses," Schoenthal said. "It would be different if I was here for myself and was going to buy one or two horses. Do I buy hip number 30 while I can or risk waiting for that one later on that might sell out of my budget. When you know you've got a lot of buyers lined up, you can work through the ones you can afford and sort out who gets what later. It makes it a lot easier to work the horse sale."

STATISTICS BY SEX

	<i>Colts</i>	<i>Fillies</i>	<i>Geldings</i>
Sold	184	153	1
Gross	\$3,830,300	\$3,478,400	\$10,000
Average	\$20,817	\$22,735	\$10,000
Median	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$10,000

TWO-YEAR FIGURES

	2018	2017
Number offered	432	440
Number sold	338	312
Percent not sold	21.8%	29.1%
Gross	\$7,318,700	\$7,855,100
Average	\$21,653	\$25,177
Median	\$15,000	\$14,000

TWO-YEAR BID DISTRIBUTION FIGURES

	2018			2017	
<i>final bid</i>	<i>no. sold</i>	<i>total amount</i>		<i>no. sold</i>	<i>total amount</i>
≥ \$100,000	10	1,427,000		15	\$2,180,000
≥ 75,000	2	182,000		11	914,000
≥ 50,000	22	1,259,000		18	1,046,000
≥ 25,000	64	2,113,000		51	1,712,000
≥ 10,000	113	1,842,500		90	1,463,000
≥ 5,000	46	311,100		57	365,200
others	81	184,100		70	174,900

TOP 10 SIRES BY GROSS

Golden Lad (19)	\$514,500
Imagining (11)	246,500
El Padrino (11)	223,000
Into Mischief (2)	215,000
Uncle Mo (1)	200,000
Cairo Prince (2)	200,000
Shackleford (3)	200,000
Super Ninety Nine (16)	199,200
Malibu Moon (3)	197,500
Munnings (5)	179,200

TOP 10 SIRES BY AVERAGE (3+ SOLD)

Shackleford (3)	\$66,667
Malibu Moon (3)	65,833
Violence (3)	45,000
Mr Speaker (3)	44,667
Verrazano (3)	39,333
Constitution (3)	37,333
Munnings (5)	35,840
Jump Start (5)	34,800
Maclean's Music (4)	32,750
Golden Lad (19)	27,079

■ Via consignor Marshall Silverman, Kentucky breeders Bayne and Chris Welker realized the fifth-highest price at the sale (\$145,000) in a Maryland-bred son of Shackleford and the Coronado's Quest mare Teruko. Purchased by Pleasant Valley Farm, the yearling goes way back with the Welker family via Bayne's parents Libby and Bayne Sr.

In 1987, their client Robert Quinichett bought the broodmare Willamae (in foal to Woodman) from the Warner Jones dispersal at Keeneland.

For Quinichett and others, the daughter of Tentam produced eight winners including Grade 1 winners Will's Way and Willa On the Move (a foal of 1985), future sire Citidancer and stakes winner Lady Reiko (Ire). An unraced daughter Willa Joe (Ire) produced another eight winners including a second Willa On the Move (this one a Grade 3 winner foaled in 1999), who in turn produced seven winners.

One of those seven, Teruko, has produced seven winners (and more than \$1.6 million in sales revenue) while bouncing through the ownership of Quinichett, the Welkers, Spendthrift Farm and now, once again the Welkers—who spent \$12,000 to buy the mare at the 2016 Midlantic winter mixed sale.

"It's a pretty sentimental story," said Chris Welker, whose husband is the vice president of sales at Fasig-Tipton. "She was in the sale and I told Bayne I wanted her back, and he said we could do it. She's a pretty cool mare, she has good foals, she's a producer and that family goes way back with Bayne's family so we're happy."

The Welkers sold her 2016 Super Ninety Nine filly for \$47,000 as a yearling and bred the mare to Shackleford. Foaled at Country Life Farm in Maryland, the colt was raised in Kentucky and went through plenty of growing pains before taking major steps forward in time for the October sale. Chris Welker called the fall schedule a blessing.

"He was kind of an ugly duckling as a foal and a I always liked him, but Bayne liked him a little less than I did," said Chris. "He's smart and laid back, but you wondered if he'd be a sale horse. In the spring his coat was kind of bad and all the sudden he changed. Thank God we had the time to bring him to October. You could only bring him here because he was a Maryland-bred and he was just a little slow to look as good as he looked when he got here. He just bloomed. He was the type of horse that the more we did with him the better he got. Even here, every day he showed better. That's a sign of a good horse. I was proud of him."



Sagamore Farm's Ghostzapper—Naive Enough filly sold for \$150,000.



Bayne and Chris Welker's Shackleford—Teruko colt went for \$145,000.

Good, not great

Fasig-Tipton's Paget Bennett looked at the bright side of the sale, which produced a lower percentage of horses not sold and showed signs of an improved middle market despite a decrease in yearlings sold at the higher end. This year, 86 horses sold in \$25,000 to \$74,999 range compared to 69 in 2017.

"It was a good sale," she said. "The RNA rate improved so we got horses sold, that's great to see. Our top horse was 210 (thousand) where we've gotten to a little bit higher in past years but we still did

well. I'm happy and hopefully the people that signed the tickets today are happy and have success and return next year. We want repeat buyers and we see a lot of them."

NOTES: Pennsylvania-based owner Joseph Besecker signed for 31 horses at \$609,200 to lead all buyers. The latter was a good sign for Bennett. "That's huge," she said. "It's nice when you have somebody come in and do that. He's done well out of this sale as a buyer and a seller and that support from buyers at this sale is a good thing. We want people to come to the sale and shop it like that." . . . Five of the top six prices were for Maryland-breds while

Kentucky-breds found only three spots in the top 10 . . . Regional stallions Golden Lad (\$514,500), Imagining (\$246,500) and El Padrino (\$223,000) occupied the top three spots by gross while Jump Start and Golden Lad made the top 10 by average, with at least three sold. Wynoaks Farm consigned six yearlings by its stallion Weigelia, and each brought \$15,000 or more . . . Maryland-based owner Hillwood Stable bought two yearlings for \$120,000 each—a Maryland-bred Golden Lad filly from CandyLand and a Pennsylvania-bred Great Notion colt from Woodford Thoroughbreds. ★

Midlantic Fall Yearling sales: a 10-year comparison

	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>No. sold</i>	<i>Percentage buy-backs</i>	<i>Sales topper</i>
2009	\$5,616,450	\$14,513	387	27.1 percent	\$300,000. Stimulus Program, b.c. Harlan's Holiday—Keep It Going, by Yankee Victor; consigned by Paramount Sales, agent XXIII; purchased by Nick De Meric, agent
2010	\$6,273,800	\$16,005	392	30.1 percent	\$250,000. Market Strike, ch.c. After Market—Christmas Strike, by Smart Strike; consigned by Charlton (Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott, agent); purchased by Jay Em Ess Stable
2011	\$6,149,600	\$18,523	332	26.2 percent	\$200,000. Brave Command, dk.b./br.c., Hard Spun—Lucky Lavender Gal, by Carson City; consigned by Paramount Sales, agent XV; purchased by Bradley Thoroughbreds LLC
2012	\$6,166,100	\$22,341	276	15.3 percent	\$300,000. Moonstone Magic gr./ro.f., Malibu Moon—Never Fail, by Holy Bull; consigned by Audley Farm Equine LLC, Charlton (Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott), agent; purchased by Ellen M. Charles
2013	\$7,469,900	\$25,847	289	13.7 percent	\$250,000. Jambles, b.c., Quality Road—Chalonnaise, by French Deputy; consigned by CandyLand, agent IV; purchased by Bortolazzo Stables
2014	\$6,023,900	\$21,905	275	27.6 percent	\$260,000. Charmed Victory, b.c., Flatter—American Victory, by Victory Gallop; consigned by Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; purchased by Hillwood Stable LLC
2015	\$5,228,800	\$19,083	274	25.3 percent	\$200,000. Shimmering Aspen, gr./ro.f., Malibu Moon—Aspenglow, by Lion Hearted; consigned by CandyLand, agent III; purchased by Ellen M. Charles
2016	\$6,436,600	\$24,017	268	17.0 percent	\$450,000. First Mondays, ch.c., Curlin—Formalities Aside, by Awesome Again; consigned by Becky Davis Inc., agent; purchased by Charles J. Zacney
2017	\$7,855,100	\$25,177	312	29.1 percent	\$300,000. World Affairs, dk.b./br.c., Cairo Prince—Current Event, by Curlin; consigned by Becky Davis Inc., agent; purchased by Eisaman Equine
2018	\$7,318,700	\$21,653	338	21.8 percent	\$210,000 B.f., Into Mischief—Spin the Bottle, by Hard Spun; consigned by CandyLand, agent II; purchased by Three Diamonds Farm

In 2004, a colt by Silver Deputy sold at this sale for \$500,000 to set a record for the most expensive horse sold at public auction in Maryland. The current record price for a horse of any age sold at public auction in Maryland is \$1.5 million for Curlin's Honor, a chestnut colt by Curlin consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, who sold at the 2017 May 2-year-olds in Training Sale.

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Five-year-old mare Jessica Krupnick storms to overall MATCH title for Sycamore, Abbott

By Tom LaMarra



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Sycamore Racing V's 5-year-old mare Jessica Krupnick missed the first of five races in the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships Series Filly and Mare Sprint—Dirt Division, but a commitment to the remaining four events and top-three finishes in all netted her the overall championship in the series, which returned to the Mid-Atlantic racing calendar after 16 years.

Trained by Francis “Tres” Abbott III, Jessica Krupnick actually was entered in the The Very One Stakes, the first leg of the Filly and Mare Sprint—Turf Division, but scratched from the May 19 stakes at Pimlico Race Course when it was moved

from turf to dirt. Had she competed that day, any MATCH Series points earned wouldn't have counted toward the division in which she won the championship.

Jessica Krupnick, based at Fair Hill Training Center, is one of five Maryland-based horses who captured the five MATCH divisions. All told, they won a combined \$250,000 in bonus money for their owners and trainers. Almost \$400,000 in bonuses provided by participating horsemen's groups will be paid to owners, trainers and breeders.

As the overall champion, Jessica Krupnick earned \$50,000 for Sycamore Racing and \$25,000 for Abbott. As a division win-

ner, the owner and trainer received another \$20,000 and \$15,000, respectively, for a total of \$110,000.

“It has been a fun summer racing in the MATCH Series,” Abbott said. “Once you get into it, you plan around it, and it worked out well for us. It's a good program for Mid-Atlantic horses and some of the smaller trainers in the region.”

A partnership endeavor, Sycamore Racing began in 2011 and has a few graded stakes victories on its ledger. Franny Abbott of Abbott Bloodstock in West Chester, Pa., and his son, Tres, purchased two yearling fillies that year and one of them, Nellie Cashman, became a graded stakes winner of almost \$350,000 in four seasons of racing. They also arranged for the purchase of the Irish-bred filly Medea, who went on to win a graded stakes after her arrival in the United States.

“Originally, it was put together to get horses from Europe,” said Tres Abbott, who won his first race as a trainer with his first starter, Brushwood Stable's Pink Palace, at Laurel Park in 2010. “The following year my father put together a syndicate to help me get off the ground as a trainer. The first year was fun—it was basically a lot of family and friends I had known for a long time. Everybody supported me, and it just picked up and steamrolled.”

Nellie Cashman, a \$70,000 RNA at the Keeneland September yearling sale, won the Grade 3 Virginia Oaks at Colonial Downs and the Dahlia Stakes at Pimlico. She also finished second in the Grade 3 Valley View at Keeneland and third in the Grade 2 Ballston Spa Stakes at Saratoga Race Course. In 2013, as a follow-up to her Virginia Oaks victory, Nellie Cashman crossed the wire first in the Grade 2 Lake Placid at Saratoga but the stewards disqualified her to third for interference. It was a tough beat, but it didn't take away from the filly's quality.

“We've purchased two yearling fillies each year except last year,” Abbott said. “It has worked out pretty well. Our budget is always under \$100,000, and we stay with

fillies because of their residual value (in the breeding shed)."

Named for the character in the 1988 movie *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, Jessica Krupnick, a Kentucky-bred daughter of Uncle Mo and the Henny Hughes mare Wear Red, was purchased for \$45,000 at the 2014 Keeneland September yearling sale. Her 2018 racing campaign was her best to date.

She finished fourth, beaten only three-quarters of a length, in the Grade 3 Whimsical on the Tapeta surface at Woodbine in April before joining the MATCH Series, in which her lone victory came in the Dashing Beauty Stakes at Delaware Park in July. In August she finished third behind Hotshot Anna, who went on to win the Grade 2 Presque Isle Downs Masters, in the Satin and Lace Stakes on Tapeta at Presque Isle.

The long round-trip to Erie, Pa., paid off in two ways for Sycamore Racing. It sealed the top spot in the Filly and Mare Sprint—Dirt Division for Jessica Krupnick and also led to a private sale to a Canadian group looking for broodmares.

"We had a deal that after she raced [in the MATCH Series] we would sell her as a broodmare," Abbott said. "So it was great to win the series with her but it was also bittersweet. She was consistent through the entire series. She'll probably race one more time in Canada—the new owners want her to get black-type there, and then become a broodmare. Our goal is to race but also sell, and the MATCH Series offers an opportunity to showcase Mid-Atlantic horses."

Jessica Krupnick's final MATCH Series race came Sept. 15 at Parx Racing. The second gave her the most points of any horse in the series, but her connections had to sweat it out until the three final races at Laurel Sept. 22.

Hillside Equestrian Meadows' Laki, a 5-year-old Maryland-bred gelding by Cuba, took the overall series lead in August with a victory—after the disqualification of Lewisfield—in the Polynesian Stakes at Laurel. Lewisfield was in the running for the 3-Year-Olds and Up Sprint—Dirt Division title but finished fifth in the Grade 3 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash, so Laki took the division after a good second behind Switzerland.

Laki needed to win the De Francis Dash to get the overall MATCH championship, but trainer Damon Dilodovico was pleased with the effort and a division championship.

"He raced in all five division legs—it was nice to have these races to point to in the series," Dilodovico said. "He came out of the [De Francis Dash] very well, and he may get a little time off. Getting a payday like this means a lot to us, and if he's good

next year, we hope to participate in the series again."

Trainer Mary Eppler, based at Pimlico, was the only trainer to win two MATCH divisions, and she also won one as owner. Adam Staple and Jalin Stable's Page McKenney, retired in August, took the 3-Year-Olds and Up Long—Dirt Division,

while Eppler's Oak Bluffs captured the 3-Year-Olds and Up Sprint—Turf Division.

The other division winner was Audley Farm Stable's Smiling Causeway (Filly and Mare Sprint—Turf Division), who is based at Fair Hill with trainer Arnaud Delacour. ★

2018 MATCH Series Final Point Standings

OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP			
1	Jessica Krupnick	Owner: Sycamore Racing V; Trainer: Francis "Tres" Abbott III	34
2	Laki (MD)	Owner: Hillside Equestrian Meadows; Trainer: Damon Dilodovico	32
3	Lewisfield (MD)	Owner: Linda Zang; Trainer: Jeff Runco	26
4	Oak Bluffs (NJ)	Owner: Mary Eppler Racing Stable; Trainer: Mary Eppler	25
5	Dubini	Owner: Pewter Stable; Trainer: Kathleen DeMasi	24
6	Page McKenney (PA)	Owner: Adam Staple, Jalin Stable; Trainer: Mary Eppler	22
7	Pool Winner	Owner: Colts Neck Stables; Trainer: Alan Goldberg	19
8	Liz's Cable Girl (NJ)	Owner: John Cocce, Lisbeth Dodd, Peter Donnelly, Gerard Melley; Trainer: Patrick McBurney	18
9	Smiling Causeway	Owner: Audley Farm Stable; Trainer: Arnaud Delacour	13
3-YEAR-OLD & UP LONG—DIRT DIVISION			
1	Page McKenney (PA)	Owner: Adam Staple, Jalin Stable; Trainer: Mary Eppler	22
3-YEAR-OLD & UP FILLIES AND MARES SPRINT—DIRT DIVISION			
1	Jessica Krupnick	Owner: Sycamore Racing V; Trainer: Francis "Tres" Abbott III	34
2	Liz's Cable Girl (NJ)	Owner: John Cocce, Lisbeth Dodd, Peter Donnelly, Gerard Melley; Trainer: Patrick McBurney	18
3-YEAR-OLD & UP SPRINT—TURF DIVISION			
1	Oak Bluffs (NJ)	Owner: Mary Eppler Racing Stable; Trainer: Mary Eppler	25
2	Dubini	Owner: Pewter Stable; Trainer: Kathleen DeMasi	24
3	Pool Winner	Owner: Colts Neck Stables; Trainer: Alan Goldberg	19
3-YEAR-OLD & UP FILLIES AND MARES SPRINT—TURF DIVISION			
1	Smiling Causeway	Owner: Audley Farm Stable; Trainer: Arnaud Delacour	13
2	Daylight Ahead (MD, DE)	Owner: Winners Circle Partners VIII; Trainer: Hugh McMahon	3
3-YEAR-OLD & UP SPRINT—DIRT DIVISION			
1	Laki (MD)	Owner: Hillside Equestrian Meadows; Trainer: Damon Dilodovico	32
2	Lewisfield (MD)	Owner: Linda Zang; Trainer: Jeff Runco	26
3	It's the Journey (MD)	Owner: R. Larry Johnson; Trainer: Mike Trombetta	7
MARYLAND COLTS/GELDINGS			
1	Laki (MD)	Breeder: Tom Michaels, Lorna Baker	32
MARYLAND FILLIES/MARES			
1	Daylight Ahead (MD, DE)	Breeder: Winners Circle Partners VIII	3
NEW JERSEY COLTS/GELDINGS			
1	Oak Bluffs (NJ)	Breeder: Patricia Generazio	25
NEW JERSEY FILLIES/MARES			
1	Liz's Cable Girl (NJ)	Breeder: Colonial Farms	18
PENNSYLVANIA COLTS/GELDINGS			
1	Page McKenney (PA)	Breeder: James Bryant, Linda Davis	22
PENNSYLVANIA FILLIES/MARES			
DELAWARE COLTS/GELDINGS			
DELAWARE FILLIES/MARES			
1	Daylight Ahead (MD, DE)	Breeder: Winners Circle Partners VIII	3

Plenty to chew on

Disqualification, dominance, daring highlight the big day at Parx Racing

By Linda Dougherty

Who could forget the day an outrider, chasing a loose horse, joined a race in progress at the head of the stretch? How about when a Canada goose took off from the infield lake and hit jockey John Bisono in the head, nearly knocking him off his mount? Or when the starter hit the button prematurely for the Pennsylvania Oaks in 2005, leaving the filly Private Gift, at 7-5, standing behind the gate as the rest of the field leapt out of the stalls?

On Sept. 22, the unexpected occurred once again, in the Grade 1, \$1 million Cotillion Stakes and in the Grade 3, \$300,000 Gallant Bob Stakes, prompting loud vocal reactions from the crowd and perhaps stealing a little bit of the thunder of the Grade 1, \$1 million Pennsylvania Derby, the day's featured event.

The Gallant Bob, a 6-furlong dash named after the 1970s-era champion sprinter who won six stakes at Keystone Racetrack (now Parx), attracted eight horses, among them Firenze Fire, who was trying his hand at sprinting after spending most of his 3-year-old season going two turns for trainer Jason Servis.

A homebred for the Mr. Amore Stable of Ron Lombardi, a South Orange, N.J., native who owns SportsCare, a physical therapy franchise that's the official physical therapy provider for the NBA's Brooklyn Nets, Firenze Fire was installed as the betting favorite.

After taking a short lead at the quarter pole, the colt and Irad Ortiz Jr. found themselves in a dogfight as 17-1 Whereshetoldmetogo, from the Anthony Peco-

raro barn, rallied wide and wrestled away the lead. They headed for the wire as a team, with Firenze Fire slowly grinding his way to a narrow advantage when Whereshetoldmetogo reached over and savaged him, just missing Ortiz's right hand. Firenze Fire never broke stride, however, and crossed the finish line a neck better than Whereshetoldmetogo, whom Jeremy Rose had straightened out, as the crowd roared and applauded. The shouting continued as the track showed the rerun on the big video board.

Standing quietly in the winner's circle after the trophy presentation, Servis was asked what he thought when he saw Whereshetoldmetogo try to bite Firenze Fire.

"I was thinking of when Ray Metcalf's horse [Great Prospector] savaged another [Golden Derby] in the [1980] Tremont Stakes," said Servis. "I was there that day, and it brought back those memories. You don't see that too often."

And with a laugh, he correctly predicted, "This race will probably be in the headlines tomorrow."

Aside from some slobber, Firenze Fire's neck was no worse for wear, Servis said, and the son of Poseidon's Warrior would head for the Breeders' Cup, with the exact race to be determined. The \$180,000 winner's share made the colt a millionaire, with six wins from 13 lifetime starts.

The Cotillion Stakes drew the best 3-year-old fillies in training, headed by Michael Dubb, Monomoy Stables, The Elkstone Group and Bethlehem Stables' Monomoy Girl, who was seeking her sixth consecutive victory en route to a probable year-end championship. Meeting her was Midnight Bisou, owned by the partnership of Bloom Racing, Madaket Racing and Allen Racing, and who had unsuccessfully chased Monomoy Girl in the Coaching Club American Oaks-G1 at Saratoga in July, as well as the Kentucky Oaks-G1 in May. Also on hand was Queen's Plate winner Wonder Gadot, who didn't fire against the boys in the Travers Stakes-G1.

Another victory for Monomoy Girl seemed imminent as she came to the head of the stretch under Florent Geroux with a length lead over the field and running easily in about the three path. From that point, the complexion of the race changed.

Midnight Bisou had launched her rally along the inside under Mike Smith, but switched to the outside of Monomoy Girl near the furlong marker as that rival drifted in. But no sooner had Smith taken Midnight Bisou outside than Monomoy Girl began to drift outside, too, despite a right-handed whip by Geroux.

The pair commenced a duel to the wire, with Monomoy Girl continuing to get out, although never making contact with Midnight Bisou. The favorite finished a neck better in 1:45.95 for the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, with Wonder Gadot far back in third, but immediately upon dismounting Smith lodged a claim of foul against Monomoy Girl for interference in the stretch.

It wasn't until the head-on view of the race was replayed on the video screen that it became apparent just how badly Monomoy Girl had drifted. Both fillies were returned to the winner's circle, and walked in circles on the track while the connections milled about, some worried about what would happen, others with fingers crossed. One man who did not much care one way or the other was Sol Kumin, who owns a piece of Monomoy Girl through his Monomoy Stables, and a piece of Midnight Bisou through his Madaket Stables.

After nearly 10 minutes of deliberation, Parx stewards decided that Monomoy Girl had interfered with Midnight Bisou, and posted a disqualification. When the decision was announced, a roar went up from the packed apron.

Many were voicing their approval at what transpired, while many others—most



Firenze Fire (right) gets away from Whereshetoldmetogo in the stretch of the Gallant Bob Stakes.

likely the majority given Monomoy Girl's 1-2 odds—screamed in anger.

"Tough to win like this, lose like that, we've all been there," said Scott Blasi, assistant to Midnight Bisou's trainer Steve

Asmussen. "But that being said, she deserved to win the race. She's an extremely gutty filly and shows up every time."

Said Smith: "You know, I've been on both sides of [disqualifications]. And you



Monomoy Girl (right) drifts into the path of Midnight Bisou late in the Cotillion, resulting in a disqualification.

hate for anything to happen like that in such an important race. She's just a brilliant filly, Monomoy Girl, but my mare deserved a fair chance, and I didn't think she got one.

"I went inside because everyone was going out—and I was going straight as an arrow," he continued. "[Monomoy Girl] chose to come over and take it from me, so I chose the outer route, and there probably wouldn't have been a DQ if she would have just stayed straight at that point. But then she came out again and we ended up in the eight, nine path. I never got a straight run and only got beat a neck."

A dejected Geroux was asked by reporters if he felt it was the right call, and he demurred by saying, "I am not the steward. This was a million-dollar race, a Grade 1 race. I thought our filly was the best today."

There are many races over the course of a season that result in a disqualification at Parx. Usually there are a few disgruntled bettors who mutter under their breath and move on to the next race on the program. But the Cotillion disqualification drew the most raw emotion from those in attendance, and no doubt many more who wagered via simulcast as part of the New York Racing Association's Cross Country Pick 4 wager.

Midnight Bisou's victory boosted her record to five wins from 10 starts, and \$1,385,000.

No Drama in Derby

After the drama of the Gallant Bob and the Cotillion, many wondered if it was possible that the Pennsylvania Derby could provide more fireworks. It turned out that it could—but the display was more like sparklers than cherry bombs.

Bob Baffert shipped Karl Watson, Mike Pegram and Paul Weitman's McKinzie cross-country for his first start in six months, and the bay son of Street Sense showed why the trainer considered him his best Kentucky Derby-G1 prospect before he was sidelined by injury.

With Smith aboard, McKinzie put on a show, prompting the moderate early pace set by 81-1 Trigger Warning, poking a head in front at the top of the lane, and then coming home with authority, with plenty left to hold back the onrushing Axelrod, winner of the local Grade 3 Smarty Jones Stakes. Trigger Warning, who began his year running at Fair Grounds and Sunland Park before taking the Tom Ridge Stakes at Presque Isle Downs in May, held third. The final time over a dead racetrack was 1:52.05.



"I always thought McKinzie was my top 3-year-old and then he got hurt and Justify came along," said Baffert by phone from California. "It was good to see him get back in the game. It was a pretty tall order to go 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles off that kind of layoff. But you can do it with good horses."

McKinzie was headed for the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 Nov. 3 at Churchill Downs

or the Clark Handicap-G1 at the Louisville oval later that month, Baffert said.

McKinzie improved to four wins from five starts, and earnings of \$906,000. His only loss was a disqualification (with Smith aboard) in the San Felipe Stakes-G2 at Santa Anita in March.

Also on the program were two other added-money events of note.



McKinzie and Mike Smith cost home with an easy win in the Pennsylvania Derby.

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The \$100,000 Alphabet Soup Stakes for Pennsylvania-breds at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles on turf was captured by Kendell Hansen's Fast and Accurate, a 4-year-old son of Hansen who registered his first victory since November for trainer Mike Maker.

Fast and Accurate, who ran in last year's Kentucky Derby-G1, placed in four stakes prior to the Alphabet Soup.

In the \$150,000 Pennsylvania Derby Champion Stakes, older horses sparred at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, including another Baffert shipper, odds-on Collected, who defeated stablemate Arrogate in last year's Pacific Classic-G1.

But unlike McKinzie, Collected couldn't overcome a long layoff—in his case, eight months—and finished fourth of five start-

ers, nearly 7 lengths behind winner Aztec Sense, who led from start to finish for trainer Jorge Navarro.

On-track handle for Pennsylvania Derby Day was \$647,894, down about 2.5 percent from last year, but total handle improved 13 percent to \$8,319,280, according to information provided to Equibase.



August stakes results for Parx Racing

8/4 Jose L. Flores Memorial (\$100K). 6½ fur. 3YO F.

Winner: **BRONX BEAUTY** (gr./ro.f., Liaison—Forever Sunshine, by Rockport Harbor). B-Blackstone Farm (Pa.). O-2W Stables. T-Anthony R. Margotta Jr. J-Frankie Pennington. Time: 1:17.43. Margin: head. 2nd: **Dixie Serenade**. 3rd: **Sweet Candy Dance**.

8/25 Smarty Jones-G3 (\$300K). 1⅛ mi. 3YO.

Winner: **AXELROD** (b.c., Warrior's Reward—Volatile Vickie, by Elusive Quality). B-Hidden Point Farm (Fla.). O-Slam Dunk Racing. T-Michael W. McCarthy. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:45.34. Margin: 4. 2nd: **Diamond King**. 3rd: **First Mondays**.

8/25 Salvatore M. Debunda PTHA President's Cup (\$100K). 1⅛ mi. 3&up.

Winner: **AZTEC SENSE** (b.g., 5, Street Sense—Aztec Pearl, by A.P. Indy). B-Charles Fipke (Ky.). O-Joseph E. Besecker. T-Jorge Navarro. J-Kendrick Carmouche. Time: 1:51.64. Margin: 3½. 2nd: **Small Bear**. 3rd: **G Zap**.

September stakes results for Parx Racing

9/1 Banjo Picker Sprint (\$100K). 6 F. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **THE MAN** (dk.b./br.g., 6, Ecclesiastic—Shorty's Epiphany, by Northern Afleet). B-Glenn E. Brok (Pa.). O-Natalie J. Baffert. T-John C. Servis. J-Jorge A. Vargas Jr. Time: 1:09.76. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Pop Keenan**. 3rd: **Midtowncharlybrown**.

9/1 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial (\$100K). 6 F. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ZIPPER'S HERO** (dk.b./br.m., 5, Partner's Hero—Open Zipper, by City Zip). B-Peter Giangliulio (Pa.). O-Mario O. Mangini. T-Edward J. Coletti Jr. J-Johan Rosado. Time: 1:09.96. Margin: 3. 2nd: **Risque's Diamond**. 3rd: **Item**.

9/1 Mrs. Penny (\$100K). 1⅛ mi. Off Turf. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ROSE TREE** (b.f., 4, Harlan's Holiday—Amusing, by Distorted Humor). B-Mr. and Mrs. Rodman W. Moorhead III (Pa.). O-Buttonwood Farm. T-Jonathan E. Sheppard. J-Andrew Wolfson. Time: 1:46.13. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Imply**. 3rd: **Miss Avalon**.

9/1 Power by Far (\$100K). 5 F. Off Turf. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **SHE'S CHUBS** (ch.m., 5, Albert the Great—Luna in D Skies, by Pure Prize). B-Rebecca Fawn Stepanoff and John Phillip Taylor Jr. (Pa.). O-John Phillip and Rebecca Taylor. T-Scott A. Lake. J-Roberto J. Rosado. Time: :58.68. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Charlybrown's Rose**. 3rd: **Pink Princess**.

9/1 Roanoke (\$100K). 1⅛ mi. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **GRASSHOPPIN** (dk.b./br.g., 7, Cat Thief—Sweetheart Sami, by Broad Brush). B/O-Michael W. Jester (Pa.). T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. J-Edwin Rivera. Time: 1:44.42. Margin: 2. 2nd: **Prince of Hempt**. 3rd: **Ruby Bleu**.

9/3 Greenwood Cup-G3 (\$200K). 1½ mi. 3&up.

Winner: **YOU'RE TO BLAME** (b.c., 4, Distorted Humor—Bon Jovi Girl, by Malibu Moon). B-Bryant H. Prentice III (Ky.). O-Bortolazzo Stable. T-Todd A. Pletcher. J-Paco Lopez. Time: 2:32.40. Margin: neck. 2nd: **War Story**. 3rd: **Big Dollar Bill**.

9/3 Turf Monster-G3 (\$300K). 5 F. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **PURE SENSATION** (gr./ro.g., 7, Zensational—Pure Disco, by Disco Rico). B/O-Patricia Generazio (Fla.). T-Christophe Clement. J-Kendrick Carmouche. Time: :56.42. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Vision Perfect**. 3rd: **Rainbow Heir**.

9/8 Dr. James Penny Memorial (\$200K). 1⅛ mi. Off Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **DIVINE MISS GREY** (ch.f., 4, Divine Park—Seattle Grey, by Friends Lake). B-Brereton C. Jones (Ky.). O-Corms Racing Stable and R. A. Hill Stable. T-Danny Gargan. J-Junior Alvarado. Time: 1:43.49. Margin: 7¾. 2nd: **Truth in the Lies**. 3rd: **Care Lady (Arg)**.

9/15 Roamin Rachael (\$100K). 6 F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **LIZ'S CABLE GIRL** (dk.b./br.f., 4, Cable Boy—Forbidden Isle, by Belong to Me). B-Colonial Farms (N.J.). O-John Cocce, Lisbeth Dodd, Peter Donnelly and Gerard Melley. T-Patrick B. McBurney. J-Jose C. Ferrer. Time: 1:11.73. Margin: 4. 2nd: **Jessica Krupnick**. 3rd: **Yorkiepool Princess**.



9/22 Cotillion-G1 (\$1M). 1⅛ mi. 3YO F.

Winner: **MIDNIGHT BISOU** (dk.b./br.f., Midnight Lute—Diva Delite, by Repent). B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (Ky.). O-Bloom Racing Stable, Madaket Stables and Allen Racing. T-Steven M. Asmussen. J-Mike E. Smith. Time: 1:45.95. Margin: neck. 2nd (DQ from first): **Monomoy Girl**. 3rd: **Wonder Gadot**.

9/22 Pennsylvania Derby-G1 (\$1M). 1⅛ mi. 3YO.

Winner: **MCKINZIE** (b.c., Street Sense—Runway Model, by Petionville). B-Summer Wind Farm (Ky.). O-Karl Watson, Michael E. Pegram and Paul Weitman. T-Bob Baffert. J-Mike E. Smith. Time: 1:52.05. Margin: 1¾. 2nd: **Axelrod**. 3rd: **Trigger Warning**.

9/22 Gallant Bob-G3 (\$300K). 6 F. 3YO.

Winner: **FIRENZE FIRE** (b.c., Poseidon's Warrior—My Every Wish, by Langfuhr). B/O-Mr Amore Stables (Fla.). T-Jason Servis. J-Irad Ortiz Jr. Time: 1:11.27. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Whereshetoldmetogo**. 3rd: **Seven Trumpets**.

9/22 Pa Derby Champion (\$150K). 1⅛ mi. 3&up.

Winner: **AZTEC SENSE** (b.g., 5, Street Sense—Aztec Pearl, by A.P. Indy). B-Charles Fipke (Ky.). O-Joseph E. Besecker. T-Jorge Navarro. J-Emisael Jaramillo. Time: 1:45.97. Margin: 4. 2nd: **Zanotti**. 3rd: **Name Changer**.

9/22 Alphabet Soup (\$100K). 1⅛ mi. Turf. Reg. PA-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **FAST AND ACCURATE** (gr./ro.c., 4, Hansen—It's Heidi's Dance, by Green Dancer). B-John R. Penn (Pa.). O-Kendall E. Hansen. T-Michael J. Maker. J-Jose L. Ortiz. Time: 1:47.26. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Bern' James Bern**. 3rd: **Threeohtwocassie**.

Home Game

Crabcakes makes most of chance to shine in tune-up for Houghton barn

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY

Last year's Maryland-bred champion 3-year-old filly and champion sprinter Crabcakes recorded her second victory of 2018 when she captured an allowance Sept. 21 in a swift 1:09.99 for 6 furlongs.

The daughter of Great Notion scored over another fast filly, Behrnik's Bank, who rounded into sharp form this summer.

Crabcakes was bred by Binnie Houghton's Buckingham Farm, and was gifted to her present owners, Susie and Wayne Chatfield-Taylor's Morgan's Ford Farm, upon her passing at age 79 last year. She's trained by Houghton's nephew, Bernie Houghton.

While all of Crabcakes' stakes victories have come at Laurel Park—the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship, and the Miss Disco and Maryland Million Distaff at 3—she sports a perfect record at Penn National, having broken her maiden at first asking in December 2016.

Crabcakes completed the 2017 season with a third in the Hollywood Gaming Mahoning Distaff Stakes at Mahoning Valley Race Course in November, then was given the winter off at the Houghton family's Sylmar Farm in Christiana, Pa.

Trainer Houghton brought her back in a 6-furlong allowance test at Laurel July 26, which she won over stakes winners Hailey's Flip and Shimmering Aspen in 1:08.84.

"I'm always conservative and I was telling people she might need a race but she had been going very well," Houghton said afterward. "To run like that, that would impress anybody."

He then tried her on turf in the Jameela Stakes at Laurel Aug. 18, and she finished second behind Rocky Policy. The final time for the 6-furlong Jameela was 1:08.78, just a shade off the course mark of 1:08.

"We often thought about running her on the turf when my aunt was alive," said

Houghton. "But it looked like she was spinning her wheels a little bit and couldn't quite get hold of the turf. It was a good experience. I'm going to go right back to the dirt."

The Jameela was followed by Crabcakes' victory in the Penn National allowance in September.

Crabcakes, out of the Charismatic mare Aunt Elaine, won for the eighth time in 14 starts and pushed her career earnings to \$363,532.

Houghton, whose father Ronnie died in September, saddled two other winners of note during the month.

Trolley Ride, owned by James Eshleman and bred by Kim Eshleman, won her fifth race from nine starts in 2018 when she prevailed in an allowance Sept. 13. It was also the third win in a row for the 3-year-old Pennsylvania-bred daughter of Flashy Bull, a streak that began Aug. 11 at Penn National.

Sylmar Farm's homebred Mayday Magic broke her maiden at first asking Sept. 12, drawing away by nearly 5 lengths on a sloppy surface. The 3-year-old filly is a daughter of El Padrino and Sylmar Farm homebred multiple stakes winner Outlaw Dancer (by Bowman's Band).

■ As was the case with most racetracks in the region, Penn National's business took a hit with an abnormally wet September.

"Things have been a little tough around the area, as central Pennsylvania became ground zero for a number of large rainfall events that forced us off the turf for the majority of the month," said Eric Johnston, the track's director of racing. "The loss of turf racing had a direct impact on field size and the rain certainly did not encourage the fans to make additional trips to the track. However, we're keeping our heads up."

On a positive note, Johnston noted that Penn National's New Start, the Thoroughbred retirement program based at the Grantville oval, placed more than 100 horses this year through September. It eclipsed the number of placements in 2017, as 97 were re-homed that year.

■ Handicappers who placed bets on the fifth race Sept. 7 had to wait quite some time—22 minutes past post time—before the field of 2-year-old maiden fillies were sent on their way. The wait, however, was an interesting one.

The original field of 10 was whittled down to six after a number of mishaps. The chart footnote tells the story: "Off time was 22 minutes late because a horse was returned to the paddock for a new rider, two horses including the one with the new rider were injured in the gate, and another ran off. The survivors carried the weight during the delay."

The winner of that long-delayed maiden race was Risque's Treasure, a juvenile daughter of Pennsylvania stallion Weigelia, who won by a half-length despite ducking in at the break. Risque's Treasure had finished seventh at Parx four days earlier before getting her first victory for owner/trainer Randy Allen.

Another 2-year-old winner by Weigelia came Sept. 13, when Tom Coulter's homebred Kick Kick Hustle, ignored at the windows at 11-1, had a professional debut against five rivals. Hustled out of the gate by Inoel Beato, Kick Kick Hustle dueled around the turn and then drove clear to win the 4½-furlong test on a good track by a length for trainer Rodrigo Madrigal Sr.

■ Stallionaire Enterprises's 2-year-old Will Take Charge filly Sweet Diane was an ultra-impressive winner in her second start Sept. 28, as she humbled her foes in a maiden special weight—winning by 13¾ lengths for trainer Mike Stidham.

■ Bush Racing Stable's Persie won his seventh race of the year at Penn National Sept. 29, putting him in a tie for the lead with Ugottahaveheart, from the Double Bogey Racing Stable and trainer Erin McClellan.

Claimed May 24 for \$8,000 by Bush Racing, the 5-year-old son of Street Sense had already won three races in 2018, but added five more for his new connections, for a total of eight wins in 2018 (one coming at Timonium Sept. 1). And since Aug. 9, he hasn't lost, the most recent a half-length starter allowance score. ★

Neutral Party

Switzerland adds G3 De Francis Dash to growing resume of sprint triumphs

BY JOE CLANCY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIM MCCUE.

If the horse has anything to do with it, Switzerland may soon be known for more than chocolate, watches, skiing and bank accounts. And the country may want to think about moving its American embassy to Baltimore.

Switzerland, the horse, improved to 2-for-2 in Maryland with an easy win in the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G3 on a stakes-filled card at Laurel Park Sept. 22. Trained by Steve Asmussen for Woodford Racing, the 4-year-old sprinter broke a half-step slow but wrested control of the pace after just a furlong and never looked

back. He put up fractions of :22.83 and :45.72 before stopping the timer at 1:09.11 for 6 furlongs and winning by 2¾ lengths over Laki with Sweetontheladies third. The win duplicated a triumph in the Maryland Sprint-G3 at Pimlico on Preakness Day.

Laurel-based Feargal Lynch rode the winner, a son of Speightstown and the Indian Charlie mare Czechers, and simply tried to follow instructions.

“Look, if he misses the break like he did at Saratoga I don’t want to see you rushing him up there,” Asmussen told Lynch on the phone beforehand. The caution

stemmed from Switzerland’s most recent start, where he started slowly from the inside post, blazed to the front and faded to fifth behind Imperial Hint in the Alfred Vanderbilt-G1 at Saratoga in July.

While not as extreme, the De Francis started similarly as Colonel Sharp broke running and made Lynch ponder his next move. Switzerland took care of all doubt—easing alongside Colonel Sharp from the rail without overdoing it and taking control.

“He took me up in there and I was able to control the race,” said Lynch. “I was always comfortable from there. It took him awhile to switch leads, but he did switch at the sixteenth pole and he accelerated again.”

A \$500,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale graduate in 2016, Switzerland started his career with trainer Chad Brown—and seven consecutive losses. The skid finally ended against just three foes on a sloppy track at Aqueduct in February, with the victory earning the dark bay colt some new scenery. Woodford sent Switzerland to Asmussen’s string at Oaklawn Park, and received immediate



Switzerland remained perfect in Maryland, adding Laurel's Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G3 to his Pimlico win in May in the Maryland Sprint Stakes-G3.

results with allowance wins in March and April. Sent to Pimlico in May, Switzerland splashed home in the Maryland Sprint to become a graded stakes winner.

The De Francis win pushed his earnings to \$437,380 and gave Lynch his third stakes win on the day after taking the Laurel Futurity with Order and Law for trainer Louis Linder Jr. and the Laurel Dash with Class and Cash for Jane Cibelli.

"These big days, these are the days that count," said the jockey, who credited agent Scott Silver with the mount on Switzerland. "I've been getting on quite a few for Steve. We had a winner on Monday at Delaware. Those guys have good horses and it's all about getting on good horses."

FROM NEW YORK VIA MARYLAND

New York-bred Fire Key's triumph in the Sensible Lady Turf Dash may have looked like a win for the out-of-towners, but trainer Pat Kelly brought plenty of local chops to the winner's circle.

"We won the race, now I just have to find somewhere to buy some crabs for the ride home," he said with a smirk. Kelly grew up in the Brighton area of Baltimore, went to Catholic school in Pikesville and learned about horses from his Hall of Fame father Tommy "T.J." Kelly. The elder Kelly earned the nickname "Turnpike Tommy" for his success in shipping horses to win races all over the East Coast, but—as his son put it—there was more to the story.

"He would drive down the road and eat crabs and drive the car at the same time," Pat Kelly said. "I don't know how he did it."

Neither does anyone else.

T.J. Kelly grew up in Pikesville, Md., left home to work at the track as a 13-year-old, groomed for Man o' War's trainer Louis Feustel and built a training career that included more than 1,500 lifetime wins and the likes of champion sprinter Plugged Nickle, major turf stakes winner Droll Role, Colonel Moran, Globemaster, King's Bishop, Misty Gallore, Noble Dancer, Sauce Boat and Topsider. Kelly was inducted into racing's Hall of Fame in 1993. He died in 2013, but left behind a big impact on racing as his sons Pat, Larry and Tim made careers in the industry as trainers and/or racing officials.

Pat's New York-based stable, once buoyed by powerful owners Live Oak Plantation and Fox Ridge Farm, counts Grade 1 winners Riskaverse, Evening Attire, Sultry Song, Solar Splendor and Laser Light among its past stars. The barn



Fire Key (4) hangs on to win the Sensible Lady Turf Dash for New York trainer Pat Kelly.

isn't quite what it used to be, but Fire Key is doing her part. The Backwards Stable homebred, by Maryland sire Friesan Fire, collected her sixth win (with seven seconds) and pushed her earnings to \$426,035 with the Laurel win.

In the Sensible Lady, she rallied from ninth in a field of 10 to take over in mid-stretch before hanging on to win by a nose over late-arriving Compelled with Fear No Evil a head back in third after 6 furlongs on a rain-softened turf course in 1:14.96. The win erased some tough luck for the 5-year-old mare. In three starts at Saratoga she caught soft turf she didn't appreciate in the Caress Stakes, endured a rough trip in an off-the turf allowance and lost all chance when a horse fell in front of her in the Smart N Fancy Stakes.

"Finally, the plan came together," Kelly said of the Laurel win. "It was a rough Saratoga with the rain and then the horse fell in front of us when I thought she was going to run a hole in the wind to set us up for this. Johnny [Velazquez] was lucky to stay aboard. We just got her home, got her down here and the turf wasn't too soft for her so it was OK."

Fire Key was dismissed at nearly 12-1 despite five prior turf wins and a second in the race's 2017 running. The New York-bred came into the race off eight consecutive starts in open company, including a Saratoga allowance and a stakes at Aqueduct in November last year. She used Laurel as a springboard to New York success as she added the Floral Park Stakes at Belmont Park Oct. 13.

JERSEY-BRED WINS ALL ALONG

The All Along Stakes lured fillies and mares from the likes of ownership roy-

alty Sam-Son Farm, Augustin Stable, Stuart Janney III and Wertheimer and Frere, but Harriet Sawyer took the winner's circle bow after Valedictorian wired the others in the \$150,000 turf test.

Claimed for \$25,000 in January 2017, the winner was bred in New Jersey by John Bowers Jr. and has done little but elevate her game for Sawyer's Epic Racing. The daughter to Temple City won for the sixth time since that claim and added the All Along to her score in the state-bred Jersey Girl Handicap at Monmouth Park July 4.

"She always brings her best game to the track," said Sawyer, a New Yorker who spends half the year in Florida. "Whatever she has in her heart, she just puts it right out there. I just love her and I love the worth ethic she has."

Trained by Kelly Breen for a bit more than a year, she went right to the front for J.D. Acosta in the All Along and made it work. She set early fractions of :23.84, :48.08 and 1:12.92 before kicking away to open 5½ lengths on the field in the stretch. Runner-up Mythical Mission cut it to 1½ by the finish with My Impression third after 1:45.74 for 1¼ miles on the soft turf.

"This year she just learned how to change her leads," said Sawyer of the dark bay 4-year-old. "Kelly Breen is an amazing trainer and I just love him and he worked all last winter to help her change her leads and finally it clicked this summer. Now we've got it. Now we can do some bigger races because there's only so far you can go with one leg."

Bowers bred the winner's dam, Smart N Classy, and campaigned her through four seasons and seven wins, including the Eatontown Handicap-G3 at Monmouth



Valedictorian goes to the head of the class in the All Along Stakes.



FUELED BY 

Doctor Mounty upsets the Grade 3 Baltimore/Washington International Turf Cup at 26-1.

and the April Run Stakes at Laurel. All four of her foals to race are winners.

■ The Monmouth-based **Class and Cash** won the Laurel Dash for Edward Short and trainer Jane Cibelli, charging from far back (and along the rail) to win by a half-length over Dubini and Fielder after 6 furlongs on the yielding turf in 1:14.04. It was the 13th win in 30 tries for the 6-year-old gray gelding by Exchange Rate.

The winner won two of 10 starts for his breeder Live Oak Stud/Plantation before being claimed for \$16,000 in March 2016 at Gulfstream Park. For Short and Cibelli, the Florida-bred has been first or second 16 times in 20 starts.

“He’s about as game a horse as you can be around,” said Matt Hartman, Cibelli’s assistant. “He will try every step of the way. He got shuffled back a little farther than we had hoped, but he’s going to dig in and give you everything he’s got every time. He was last turning for home—made me a little nervous, but knowing him he’s going to keep trying.”

Class and Cash became a stakes winner in the Laurel Dash, and pushed his career earnings to \$396,160.

■ **Order and Law** broke his maiden in the Laurel Futurity for Lynch and Linder. The son of Violence finished fourth in Monmouth Park’s Tyro Stakes to start his career and was second, by a neck, in a Parx maiden special weight in late August. . . Favorite **Hello Don Julio** won the Laurel Turf Cup for owner/trainer Michael Dilger—outlasting 115-1 shot Cooptado (Arg) to win by three-quarters of a length. Ridden by Channing Hill, the winner stopped a four-race losing streak that included solid efforts against stakes horses Call Provision, Highland Sky, Spring Quality and Blacktype (Fr). . .

September stakes results for Laurel Park

9/22 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G3 (\$250K). 6 F. 3&up.

Winner: **SWITZERLAND** (dk.b./br.c., 4, Speightstown—Czechers, by Indian Charlie). B-Branch Family Trust (Ky.). O-Woodford Racing LLC. T-Steven M. Asmussen. J-Feargal Lynch. Time: 1:09.11. Margin: 2¼. 2nd: **Laki**. 3rd: **Sweetontheladies**.



9/22 All Along (\$150K). 1¼ mi. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **VALEDICTORIAN** (dk.b./br.f., 4, Temple City—Smart N Classy, by Smart Strike). B-John Bowers Jr. (N.J.). O-Epic Racing. T-Kelly J. Breen. J-J.D. Acosta. Time: 1:45.74. Margin: 1½. 2nd: **Mythical Mission**. 3rd: **My Impression**.

9/22 Laurel Dash (\$100K). 6 F. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **CLASS AND CASH** (gr./ro.g., 6, Exchange Rate—She’s Indy Money, by A.P. Indy). B-Live Oak Stud (Fla.). O-Edward J. Short. T-Jane Cibelli. J-Feargal Lynch. Time: 1:14.04. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Dubini**. 3rd: **Fielder**.



9/22 Laurel Futurity (\$100K). 6 F. Turf. 2YO.

Winner: **ORDER AND LAW** (b.c., Violence—Poetic Kid, by Shakespeare). B-Dell Ridge Farm (Ky.). O-Bran Jam Stable and David W. Clark. T-Louis C. Linder Jr. J-Feargal Lynch. Time: 1:14.94. Margin: nose. 2nd: **Scrap Copper**. 3rd: **Veterans Beach**.

September stakes results for Laurel Park *continued*

9/22 **Laurel Turf Cup** (\$100K). 1½ mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **HELLO DON JULIO** (b.g., 6, Afleet Alex—Faithful, by Vindication). B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC (Ky.). O/T-Michael Dilger. J-Channing Hill. Time: 2:34.63. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Cooptado (Arg)**. 3rd: **Postulation**.

9/22 **Selima** (\$100K). 6 F. Turf. 2YO F.

Winner: **MONKEYS UNCLE** (dk.b./br.f., Uncle Mo—Humor Section, by After Market). B-Parrish Hill Farm and Ashford Stud (Ky.). O-Lael Stables. T-Arnaud Delacour. J-Daniel Centeno. Time: 1:16.11. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Shoobiedoobydo**. 3rd: **Helen**.

9/22 **Sensible Lady Turf Dash** (\$100K). 6 F. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **FIRE KEY** (dk.b./br.m., 5, Friesan Fire—U R Key, by Albert the Great). B/O-Backwards Stable (N.Y.). T-Patrick J. Kelly. J-Julian Pimentel. Time: 1:14.96. Margin: nose. 2nd: **Compelled**. 3rd: **Fear No Evil**.



9/23 **Bert Allen** (\$75K). 1⅛ mi. Off Turf. Reg. VA-Bred or Sired, 3&up.

Winner: **RIVER DEEP** (b.c., 4, Arch—River Fancy, by Congaree). B-Morgan's Ford Farm and F and F Stable (Va.). O-Morgan's Ford Farm. T-Phil Schoenthal. J-Sheldon Russell. Time: 1:51.34. Margin: 8½. 2nd: **Runninginthevale**. 3rd: **Vincent Van Gogo**.

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9/23 **Brookmeade** (\$75K). 1⅛ mi. Off Turf. Reg. VA-Bred or Sired, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **PAULITA** (dk.b./br.f., 3, Scat Daddy—Blind Date, by Not For Love). B-William M. Backer Revocable Trust (Va.). O-Hat Creek Racing. T-Arnaud Delacour. J-Jorge A. Vargas Jr. Time: 1:52.83. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Well Blessed**. 3rd: **Armoire**.

9/23 **Oakley** (\$75K). 5½ F. Off Turf. Reg. VA-Bred or Sired, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ALTAMURA** (b.f., 3, Artie Schiller—Delta Weekend, by Jump Start). B-Chance Farm (Va.). O-Susan Moulton. T-Wayne M. Catalano. J-Channing Hill. Time: 1:04.89. Margin: 1¼. 2nd: **Up Hill Battle**. 3rd: **Virginia Fable**.

9/23 **Punch Line** (\$75K). 5½ F. Off Turf. Reg. VA-Bred or Sired, 3&up.

Winner: **ELUSIVE MISCHIEF** (b.c., 3, Into Mischief—Claire's Song, by Unbridled's Song). B-Jim Fitzgerald and Katie Fitzgerald (Va.). O-Lothenbach Stables Inc. T-Ian R. Wilkes. J-Sheldon Russell. Time: 1:03.37. Margin: 5¼. 2nd: **Divine Interventio**. 3rd: **Homespun Hero**.

9/28 **Jamestown** (\$75K). 5½ F. Off Turf. Reg. VA-Bred or Sired, 2YO.

Winner: **RIVER GAL** (b.f., Blame—River Fancy, by Congaree). B/O-Morgan's Ford Farm (Va.). T-Phil Schoenthal. J-Angel Cruz. Time: 1:05.43. Margin: 2½. 2nd: **Ready to Run**. 3rd: **Tolaga Bay**.

FUELED BY

9/29 **Baltimore/Washington International Turf Cup-G3** (\$200K). 1 mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **DOCTOR MOUNTY** (b.h., 5, Street Sense—On a Roll, by A.P. Indy). B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Vicki Oliver and G. Watts Humphrey III (Ky.). O-Larry Pratt and Dave Alden. T-Claude R. McGaughey III. J-Forest Boyce. Time: 1:41.78. Margin: nose. 2nd: **Projected (GB)**. 3rd: **Irish Strait**.

9/29 **Bald Eagle Derby** (\$150K). 1½ mi. Turf. 3YO.

Winner: **CHANNEL CAT** (ch.c., English Channel—Carnival Kitten, by Kitten's Joy). B/O-Calumet Farm (Ky.). T-Todd A. Pletcher. J-Feargal Lynch. Time: 2:40.47. Margin: 5¼. 2nd: **Admission Office**. 3rd: **Nakamura**.

9/29 **All Brandy** (\$75K). 1 mi. Off Turf. Reg. MD-Bred or Sired, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **RILEY'S CHOICE** (ch.f., 4, Distorted Humor—Shared Account, by Pleasantly Perfect). B/O-Sagamore Farm (Md.). T-Horacio DePaz. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:36.56. Margin: 2¾. 2nd: **Majestic Reason**. 3rd: **Saint Main Event**.

FUELED BY

9/29 **Challedon** (\$75K). 7 F. 3&up (non-winners of a sweepstakes).

Winner: **OLD TIME REVIVAL** (dk.b./br.c., 3, Brethren—Diary, by Congaree). B/O-Jacks or Better Farm (Fla.). T-Kenneth Decker. J-Rosario Montanez. Time: 1:21.25. Margin: nose. 2nd: **Perfect Cover**. 3rd: **Tour de Force**.

9/29 **Find** (\$75K). 1 mi. Off Turf. Reg. MD-Bred or Sired, 3&up.

Winner: **SONNY INSPIRED** (b.g., 7, Artie Schiller—Argentesque, by Silver Deputy). B-Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes (Md.). O-D Hatman Thoroughbreds. T-Phil Schoenthal. J-Angel Cruz. Time: 1:35.65. Margin: neck. 2nd: **John Jones**. 3rd: **Belfour**.

FUELED BY

9/29 **Shine Again** (\$75K). 7 F. 3&up, F&M (non-winners of a sweepstakes).

Winner: **CAIRENN** (b.f., 4, First Dude—Expect Nothing, by A. P. Jet). B-Best A Luck Farm (Fla.). O-Heider Family Stables, Madaket Stables and Michael E. Kisber. T-H. Graham Motion. J-Jorge A. Vargas Jr. Time: 1:22.11. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Tweeting**. 3rd: **Angel At War**.

FUELED BY

Monkeys Uncle won the finale, the Selima Stakes for 2-year-old fillies going 6 furlongs on the turf. Racing for Lael Stables and trainer Arnaud Delacour, the daughter of Uncle Mo rallied six wide

off the turn to win by a half-length over Shoobiedoobydo (with Lynch looking for a fourth stakes win). Even-money favorite Elsa wound up seventh. Bred by Parrish Hill Farm and Ashford Stud, the winner

won going two turns in her debut at Delaware Park Aug. 30 . . . Laurel reported all-sources handle of more than \$5 million, a 35-percent increase over the same card in 2017.

Masterful

Hotshot Anna sprints to Grade 2 win as Pennsylvania track wraps up season

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY. PHOTOS BY COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

The 2018 Presque Isle Downs season entered its final stretch in September, the month in which its richest and most important stakes race was contested.

The Grade 2, \$400,000 Presque Isle Downs Masters Stakes for fillies and mares has been used in the past as a stepping stone to the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1, with Masters winners Informed Decision (2009), Musical Romance (2011),

and Groupie Doll (2012-13) emerging victorious on racing's championship day. Last year, Ami's Mesa bested Bar of Gold in the Masters, and that exacta was reversed in the Breeders' Cup, with 67-1 shot Bar of Gold defeating Ami's Mesa on the big day at Del Mar.

Run Sept. 17, this year's Masters attracted another diverse and talented field of distaff sprinters, with the Hugh Robertson

owned and trained Hotshot Anna proving best over 10 rivals, including Ami's Mesa, who was back for another try.

A 4-year-old daughter of Trappe Shot, Hotshot Anna was sent off as the second betting choice in the 6½-furlong Masters, and must have given her supporters a rush of adrenalin as she waited behind a wall of horses with seemingly no way out in the stretch. After the scare, she found a seam and burst through with a flourish, going on to win by a widening 4¼ lengths under Antonio Gallardo. Longshots Let It Ride Mom and Crazy Sweet rallied late to finish second and third, respectively, while favorite Ami's Mesa was eighth.

Timed in 1:14.73, Hotshot Anna just missed breaking the track record of 1:14.68 set by Ami's Mesa last year.

It was the second start and second win over Presque Isle's Tapeta surface for Hotshot Anna, as she won the Satin and Lace Stakes Aug. 20.

Trained at different junctures of her career by Hugh Robertson and his son



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Hotshot Anna and Antonio Gallardo make off with the Grade 2 Presque Isle Downs Masters, the track's signature race.

McLean, Hotshot Anna kicked off a stakes trifecta this summer by taking the Chicago Handicap-G3 over the synthetic surface at Arlington Park June 23.

“She had no place to go but where she went,” said Robertson of the stretch drive at Presque Isle. “When she got a chance, she went through [the opening]. I didn’t think there was anybody that was going to beat her when she got through.”

Robertson bought Hotshot Anna for \$20,000 at the 2015 Keeneland September yearling sale, and the Masters win was her seventh from 18 starts while pushing her career earnings to \$523,640.

When asked what’s next for the filly, Robertson put a damper on Breeders’ Cup plans by stating that she will probably be turned out.

■ Racer’s Edge and Maxis Stable’s **Decorated Soldier** flew past the leader in deep stretch and held on to win the \$200,000 Presque Isle Mile for 3-year-olds and up Sept. 16.

It was the second consecutive stakes victory for Decorated Soldier, who is based at Woodbine Racecourse in Canada with trainer Norman McKnight. In his prior start he captured the Seagram Cup-G3 there Aug. 12.

Sent off as the favorite, Decorated Soldier was never far from the lead in the Mile, tracking 10-1 Don’t Be So Salty, who spurted away and held a 5-length lead at the three-quarter pole. Decorated Soldier charged to the lead at the top of the stretch and then held off a determined challenge from Ghost Hunter to win by three-quarters of a length. The final time was 1:35.81, less than a second off the track mark.

Decorated Soldier is a 5-year-old son of Proud Citizen, and has a consistent record of seven wins from 18 starts, with earnings of \$395,825.

■ **Amy Farah Fowler**, sold for just \$8,500 at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale, pushed her lifetime bankroll to \$134,900 with her first stakes win in the \$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial Stakes for Pennsylvania-breds Sept. 16.

The 2-year-old daughter of Astrology, named after a character in *The Big Bang Theory* comedy television series, had been knocking on the stakes door since breaking her maiden at Presque Isle May 21, placing in both the Colleen Stakes at Monmouth Park in August and the Mark McDermott Stakes in Erie Sept. 2, a race against colts and geldings.



Decorated Soldier rallies in the stretch to win the Presque Isle Mile for Canadian-based trainer Norman McKnight.

Back against her own sex in the Paxson, Amy Farah Fowler pressed the pace while wide, as Amandasromeo and Redeem by Heart battled through solid fractions of :22.36 and :45.53. She rolled to the lead at the top of the lane and went on to a length victory while jockey Huber Villa-Gomez kept her mind on business. She stopped the clock in 1:10.03 for the 6 furlongs.

Trained and owned by Ron Potts, Amy Farah Fowler was bred by Blackstone Farm out of the Sir Cat mare Run Cat Run.

■ Trainer Graham Motion and Pin Oak Stable won the meet’s final stakes, the \$100,000 HBPA, with **Point System** Oct. 4 but not before some anxious moments that had nothing to do with the race. The 4-year-old filly was on the also-eligible list in the full field, and needed two scratches just to get in the race.

Motion put her on the van anyway, and hoped. When only My Sistersledge came out of the body of the race, Point System looked like she’d gone to Erie simply for



Amy Farah Fowler becomes a stakes winner in the Mrs. Henry Paxson Memorial for Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-old fillies.



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After drawing in late from the also-eligible list, Point System prevails in the Presque Isle meet's final stakes of 2018, the HBPA Stakes Oct. 4.



Delta Express streaks home in the Mark McDermott Stakes for Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-olds.

September/October stakes results for Presque Isle Downs

9/2 Mark McDermott (\$100K). 6 F. Reg. PA-Bred 2Y0.

Winner: **DELTA EXPRESS** (b.g., Weigelia—Spunky Sparrow, by Attorney). B-Scott Bunker and Cynthia Bartkowski (Pa.). O-Jason DaCosta and Calypso Stable. T-Jason DaCosta. J-Walter De La Cruz. Time: 1:10.19. Margin: 3¾. 2nd: **Amy Farah Fowler**. 3rd: **Jump for Alex**.

9/16 Presque Isle Mile (\$200K). 1 mi. 3&up.

Winner: **DECORATED SOLDIER** (ch.g., 5, Proud Citizen—Lakenheath, by Colonial Affair). B-Green Lantern Stables (Ky.). O-Racer's Edge Inc. and Maxis Stable. T-Norman McKnight. J-Willie Martinez. Time: 1:35.81. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Ghost Hunter**. 3rd: **Matrooh**.



9/16 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial (\$100K). 6 F. Reg. PA-Bred 2Y0 F.

Winner: **AMY FARAH FOWLER** (b.f., Astrology—Run Cat Run, by Sir Cat). B-Blackstone Farm LLC (Pa.). O/T-Ron G. Potts. J-Huber Villa-Gomez. Time: 1:10.03. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Amandasromeo**. 3rd: **Pemaquid Sally**.

9/17 Presque Isle Downs Masters-G2 (\$400K). 6½ F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **HOTSHOT ANNA** (ch.f., 4, Trappe Shot—Avalos, by Holy Bull). B-Paul Tackett (Ky.). O/T-Hugh H. Robertson. J-Antonio A. Gallardo. Time: 1:14.73. Margin: 4¾. 2nd: **Let It Ride Mom**. 3rd: **Crazy Sweet**.

10/4 Fitz Dixon Jr. Memorial Juvenile (\$100K). 6½ F. 2Y0.

Winner: **BIG DRINK OF WATER** (b.g., Soldat—Vindi Princess, by Vindication). B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (Fla.). O-Patricia's Hope LLC. T-Larry Rivelli. J-Jose Valdivia Jr. Time: 1:16.90. Margin: 2¾. 2nd: **Amy Farah Fowler**. 3rd: **Thunderous Gem**.

10/4 HBPA (\$100K). 1 mi. 70 yds. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **POINT SYSTEM** (b.f., 4, Broken Vow—Brownie Points, by Forest Wildcat). B/O-Pin Oak Stud LLC (Ky.). T-H. Graham Motion. J-Pablo Morales. Time: 1:42.48. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Lift Up**. 3rd: **Burma Road**.

the van ride. The first also-eligible entrant, Country Chick, didn't get to the track in time for Lasix treatment however and Point System got her chance.

The daughter of Broken Vow made the most of it, rallying from far back and far outside to win by a neck at nearly 18-1. Lift Up was second with Burma Road a nose back in third as the first six finishers were separated by four necks and a nose.

■ Jockey **Pablo Morales** locked up the Presque Isle title as riding champion, the second year in a row he's worn the crown. After a bit of a slow start, **Teresa Connelly** poured it on and clinched her third training title in four seasons.

Morales booted home 142 winners from 569 starts, while four-time Presque Isle riding champion Antonio Gallardo finished second with 111 wins from 447 mounts. Morales and Gallardo sported 25-percent winning rates. Rounding out the top three was Addiel J. Ayala, who won 61 races.

Connelly won 61 races from 258 starts, and put up earnings of \$1,035,540. Last year's winner, Gerald Brooks, won 43 races to take second with Ron Potts (30) third.

The winningest horse of the 2018 Erie season was Rare Integrity, who won seven of nine starts and \$92,400. Trained by Connelly, the 5-year-old daughter of Square Eddie put on a show, winning seven consecutive races from July 8 through Sept. 24, all but one in starter allowance company. Connelly has trained Rare Integrity since June 2017.

The top owner of the meet was Connelly's Endeavor Bloodstock with 19 wins, three more than runner-up Loooch Racing (16). Wayne Rice led the owners by earnings with \$353,631.

ERIE ENDINGS: Jockeys advised stewards that it was too hot to ride and the card of Sept. 5 was scrapped after three races . . . **Sea of Erin** bided his time in midpack and then pounced late to win a rare 2-mile starter race—part of the track's distance series—Oct. 1. By Giant's Causeway out of the Pleasant Tap mare Tidal Dance, Sea of Erin carried 121 pounds and was timed in 3:32.42. The Pennsylvania-bred 5-year-old, who won going 1½ miles Aug. 13, was second going 1¼ miles Sept. 3 and 1¼ miles July 23, is trained by Eddie Graham for breeders Bill and Anne Pape. ★

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Spicy Story

Homebred brothers place in stakes for New Jersey's New Spice Stable

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY HOOFPRIINTS, INC.

When New Spice Stable's Smithwick's Spice broke his maiden by a resounding 5 lengths Sept. 15 at Delaware Park, trainer Doug Nunn didn't know the gelding would come back 14 days later and turn in another bang-up performance, finishing second in the \$100,000 First State Dash on the track's Owners' Day celebration card.

Smithwick's Spice showed that he has plenty of talent and poise, as he broke from the far outside post 11 in the Dash to race close to the early pace in the 5½-furlong test for 2-year-olds. Down the stretch he challenged the frontrunning Come Sundown and appeared to have the momentum to get by, but fell a neck short.

"He was so game, and I'm so proud of him," said Nunn, who later toasted

the 2-year-old son of Frost Giant with his owner/breeders Robert and Connie Matthies, who operate under the New Spice banner, his wife Maria, and other friends. Robert Matthies is the mayor of Seaside Park, N.J.

The group gathered in the large white tent by the paddock and had even more reason to cherish the day, as four races later Guinness Spice, a half-brother to Smithwick's Spice, finished third in the \$100,000 New Castle Stakes for older horses.

The Spice brothers are out of the Good and Tough mare Spicy McHaggis, also trained by Nunn, and are the mare's first stakes-placed progeny. When Nunn talks about training Spicy McHaggis, one incident stands out.

"She tried to kill me," said Nunn, a former jockey who still gets on all his horses. He and his twin brother, David, both had riding careers before making the switch to training. "She flipped over on concrete outside of [trainer] Joe Pierce's barn at Monmouth Park and hit her head. Not only did she try and kill me, but I thought she was dead, too."

"It turned out she was OK, but she had a big gash on the top of her head," said Connie Matthies.

Spicy McHaggis was retired as a broodmare after winning three races for Nunn, and has passed down some of that fire to her progeny, all trained by Nunn for New Spice. All are New Jersey-breds, having been foaled at Bright View Farm in Chesterfield, and all have been named after a brand of Irish alcohol.

"Her first foal, Jameson Spice [2011, by Gators N Bears] won twice at Timonium," said Nunn. "Her second foal, which was Guinness Spice [2013, by D'Funnybone] wasn't gelded until he was 5, and I told the owners, 'You have two options, find another trainer or get life insurance,' because I thought he was going to kill somebody, too. Gelding has made a big difference, and this year he was 2-for-2 at Delaware prior to the New Castle Stakes."

Spicy McHaggis's third foal is Smithwick's Spice, nicknamed "Smitty" and named for the red Irish ale. Debuting



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Bred in Maryland by Charles and Cynthia McGinnes, Come Sundown (right) captures the First State Dash over Smithwick's Spice.



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Around the Ovals *Delaware Park*

at Monmouth Park Aug. 26 in a state-bred maiden special weight at 5½ furlongs, Smithwick's Spice was ignored by bettors at 22-1, yet turned in an excellent effort, breaking a bit slowly and making a bid for the lead at the quarter pole, but was bested by winner Regally Irish, from trainer Graham Motion.

"He wasn't really a morning glory, but he worked really well out of the gate and seemed to wake up," said Nunn. "I was kind of rushed with him because there weren't a lot of choices where to run, but he showed me in that first race that he was going to be a nice horse."

Sent to Delaware for his second start, a maiden special weight at 5 furlongs, the gelding was dispatched as the second choice behind first-time starter Winning Drive, owned by Gary and Mary West and trained by Jason Servis. Smithwick's Spice sat just off the early pace of Winning Drive, who extended his lead to nearly 2 lengths turning for home. But "Smitty" ran him down to score a blowout victory in :58.40.

Having two homebreds become stakes-placed in one afternoon was a dream for the Matthieses, as Spicy McHaggis is their only broodmare. They are hoping her weanling colt by Forty Tales, named Killian Spice after Killian's Red Irish ale, can follow in their hoofprints.

■ The Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association's annual Owners' Day was held Sept. 29, with owners and horsemen enjoying beautiful fall weather to the theme of "Horse Racing Fever," inspired by the 1970s movie *Saturday Night Fever*. A 11-race Thoroughbred program was presented, featuring six stakes of which four were for Delaware-bred or certified horses. The 12th race finale was an Arabian stakes.

Kicking off the stakes fest was another dazzling performance by **Dr Blarney**, a 5-year-old gelding who has been a win machine his entire career. In the \$75,000 DTHA Governors Day Handicap at 1 mile and 70 yards, the chestnut pounced from just off the lead to take command in deep stretch and win by three-quarters of a length with regular rider Tammi Piermarini.

The victory kept Dr Blarney's 2018 record perfect at six starts, six wins, and improved his career mark to 17 wins from 23 starts, and \$517,080.

Among Dr Blarney's victories are nine stakes, including three consecutive wins in the Last Dance at Suffolk Downs.

The son of Dublin was bred by his owner, Joseph DiRico, and has been trained since June 2016 by Karl Grusmark. In a career that began in 1971, Grusmark has collected 2,144 victories from more than 13,000 starts, mostly on the New England circuit but now at the New York tracks.

The \$75,000 George Rosenberger Memorial, originally scheduled for the turf, retained a field of eight fillies and mares, which made for an interesting betting race. Finishing on top at 7-1 was the Michael Matz-trained **Arraign**, who came from off the pace to win by a half-length over I'm Pretty Strong in 1:43.34 for the 1¼ miles. Arraign, a daughter of Blame, races for Dell Hancock and Adele Dilschneider.

The \$100,000 Small Wonder Stakes for 2-year-old fillies was taken by **Start the Show**, a daughter of Oxbow who humbled 11 rivals in scooting home 4½ lengths in front. Owned by Blackstone Street Racing LLC, she is trained by Michael Catalano Jr.

Maryland-based **Shimmering Aspen**, who seems to just float over the ground, had no trouble leading seven foes on a merry chase in the \$100,000 Tax Free Shopping Distaff Stakes at 6 furlongs for

owner Hillwood Stable and trainer Rodney Jenkins. It was the 4-year-old daughter of Malibu Moon's seventh win from 12 starts, and came on the heels of a victory in the Timonium Distaff in August.

Dale Capuano sent out **Winplaceorshowono**, a 4-year-old Maryland-bred son of Dance With Ravens, to win the \$100,000 New Castle Stakes for a second consecutive year. Bred by Rickman Racing and owned by Cynthia Rickman, the colt has earned \$204,560 in nine starts.

■ As the Delaware Park meet entered its final month, with the meet ending Oct. 20, executive director of racing John Mooney said that business was good—up to a point.

"Overall, the meet is going fairly well," said Mooney. "We were strong going into July, and then the rains came. We lost a great deal of business because we were forced off the turf, and as you know that really hurts our numbers."

Mooney said weekday total handles have been very good, and Wednesdays have been particularly strong, especially since there are no major tracks that compete against the Delaware Park simulcast signal. ★

September stakes results for Delaware Park

9/29 First State Dash (\$100K). 5½ F. DE-Bred/Cert. 2YO.

Winner: **COME SUNDOWN** (b.g., Great Notion—Desiderata, by During). B-Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes (Md.). O-Steven T. Newby. T-Dale Capuano. J-Weston Hamilton. Time: 1:04.17. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Smithwick's Spice**. 3rd: **Tybalt**.

9/29 New Castle (\$100K). 6 F. DE-Bred/Cert. 3&up.

Winner: **WINPLACEORSHOWONO** (dk.b./br.c., 4, Dance With Ravens—Love'sclevertrick, by Not For Love). B-Cynthia K. Rickman (Md.). O-Rickman Racing LLC. T-Dale Capuano. J-Alex Cintron. Time: 1:10.76. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Bubba's Will**. 3rd: **Guinness Spice**.

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9/29 Small Wonder (\$100K). 5½ F. DE-Bred/Cert. 2YO F.

Winner: **START THE SHOW** (dk.b./br.f., Oxbow—Preshow, by Bertrando). B-George Krikorian (Calif.). O-Blackstone Street Racing. T-Michael L. Catalano Jr. J-Carol Cedeno. Time: 1:04.14. Margin: 4¼. 2nd: **Rolling Bobby**. 3rd: **BlameitontheKiss**.

9/29 Tax Free Shopping Distaff (\$100K). 6 F. DE-Bred/Cert. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **SHIMMERING ASPEN** (gr./ro.f., 4, Malibu Moon—Aspenglow, by Lion Hearted). B-Nancy L. Terhune, Ernest Frohboese and CandyLand Farm (Ky.). O-Hillwood Stable LLC. T-Rodney Jenkins. J-Victor R. Carrasco. Time: 1:09.86. Margin: 3½. 2nd: **Fillupcohenspiker**. 3rd: **Hailey's Flip**.

9/29 DTHA Governors Day (\$75K). 1 mi. 70 yds. DE Strs. 3&up.

Winner: **DR BLARNEY** (ch.g., 5, Dublin—Dr. Capote, by Capote). B/O-Joseph DiRico (Mass.). T-Karl M. Grusmark. J-Tammi Piermarini. Time: 1:39.54. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Unbridled Juan**. 3rd: **Even Thunder**.

9/29 George Rosenberger Memorial (\$75K). 1¼ mi. Off Turf. DE Strs. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ARRAIGN** (b.m., 5, Blame—Freeroll, by Touch Gold). B-Claiborne Farm (Ky.). O-Adele B. Dilschneider and Dell Hancock. T-Michael R. Matz. J-Edwin Gonzalez. Time: 1:43.34. Margin: ½. 2nd: **I'm Pretty Strong**. 3rd: **Broken Bridle**.

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Representative Deborah Hudson, presenting Mrs. Arlene Daney with Bernard Daney proclamation, along with Delaware Governor, John Carney. Trainer Karl Grusmark congratulating jockey Tammi Piermarini after winning 6 races in a row on Dr Blarney and her 2,500 career win.



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Trophy presentation following the DTHA Governors Day Handicap, DTHA Executive Director, Bessie Gruwell and daughter KaylaBelle, DTHA Board members Anthony Pecoraro and Jamie Ness, owner Joseph DiRico, jockey Tammi Piermarini, Governor John Carney, Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long, Secretary of Finance, Richard Geisenberger, DTHA Board members Gary Katz and Tracy Porter Nunley, and DTHA Board President, Scott Peck.



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Local Heroine

Late Night Pow Wow comes through for owner/trainer Contreras in G3 Oaks

BY TOM LAMARRA. PHOTOGRAPHS BY COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

The first race on the 2017 Race for the Ribbon program, featuring the Grade 3 Charles Town Oaks, at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races was a \$23,000 maiden special weight for West Virginia-bred 2-year-old fillies. The winner, in her debut, looked good enough to suggest she could be a terror in the state-bred ranks. But a graded stakes winner?

One year later on the same weekend at the same track, that's exactly what happened, though after six subsequent starts

after her debut it wasn't a stretch to think Late Night Pow Wow had a chance to win the Charles Town Oaks.

You could argue the filly was in the right spot at the right time at the only track at which she has ever raced, but the manner in which she won doesn't support that claim.

Javier Contreras, who owns and trains Late Night Pow Wow, had enough faith in the filly's ability to take a shot at a share of the \$300,000 pot in the 7-furlong Oaks

Sept. 22. He was rewarded with a \$176,400 payday. The filly won for the seventh time in eight starts, her only defeat a second in the Its Binn Too Long Stakes this year.

"It was my first graded-stakes win," said Contreras, who was third by earnings and in the top five by wins in the Charles Town trainer standings through September. "It was amazing. All the people where I was sitting to watch the race were very happy to see a local horse win. It was pretty exciting stuff.

"Now I can see why when guys win the [Kentucky] Derby, they jump up and down and scream so much. It was like that for me."

With regular rider Fredy Peltroche aboard, Late Night Pow Wow broke alertly and settled in third behind front-running Sower, the even-money favorite, and Take Charge Paula through the first quarter-mile in a sharp :22.97.

The winner saved ground behind the top two and loomed large nearing the half-mile mark but had to check behind Sower and lost a few lengths.



Late Night Pow Wow lands a big one for owner/trainer Javier Contreras in the Grade 3 Charles Town Oaks.

Late Night Pow Wow not only regrouped but appeared to have plenty of run as Peltroche angled her out nearing the top of the stretch in the two-turn race. She ranged up to challenge Maryland shipper Chauncey, who had taken the lead with a four-wide move on the turn, and determinedly got up to win by a neck.

The final time of 1:24.37 is excellent by Charles Town standards and less than two seconds off of the record for the distance.

"I told Fredy before the race this is much tougher competition, so teach her to lay back a little bit," Contreras said. "In one of her races she stumbled at the start and got away last but still made a huge move to win. She's just so gutsy. She doesn't want to get beat and she gives up all she has."

Late Night Pow Wow, out of the Indian Charlie mare Holy Pow Wow, is by leading West Virginia stallion Fiber Sonde, who through September had 46 winners—23 of them repeat winners—from 77 runners this year. She was bred by John McKee, who stands Fiber Sonde at his Beau Ridge Farm.

Fiber Sonde, a half-brother to in-demand Kentucky stallion Speightstown, is also the sire of Hidden Canyon, who won more than \$300,000 for Contreras. Late Night Pow Wow and Hidden Canyon were both purchased privately from McKee.

"I've bought five or six horses from him," Contreras said. "At Charles Town, it seems like in almost every race there are horses by Fiber Sonde. He has thrown a lot of good runners."

■ The Sept. 22 program included multiple West Virginia-bred stakes that served as West Virginia Breeders Classics preps with a "Win and You're In" provision—automatic selection for a corresponding race.

Owner/breeder Ray Pennington III's Burnin Ring O Fire, trained by Ollie Figgins III, made his first start on dirt a winning one with a come-from-behind score in the \$50,000 Henry Mercer Memorial Stakes for 2-year-olds at 4½ furlongs under J.D. Acosta. Burnin Ring O Fire, who won his debut on the grass at Laurel Park in August, got a free pass for the Moscarelli Memorial Breeders Classic.

In the companion event for 2-year-old fillies, the \$50,000 Rachel's Turn Stakes, Coleswood Farm's Battleground Star, trained by Jeff Runco, also improved to 2-for-2 with an impressive victory with Arnaldo Bocachica riding. She received automatic selection to the Triple Nutrition Breeders Classic.

September stakes results for Charles Town

9/22 Charles Town Oaks-G3 (\$300K). 7 F. 3YO F.

Winner: **LATE NIGHT POW WOW** (dk.b./br.f., Fiber Sonde—Holy Pow Wow, by Indian Charlie). B-John McKee (W.Va.). O/T-Javier Contreras. J-Fredy Peltroche. Time: 1:24.37. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Chauncey**. 3rd: **Sower**.

9/22 Frank Gall Memorial (\$50K). 7 F. Reg. WV-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **RUNNIN'TOLUVYA** (gr./ro.g., 4, Fiber Sonde—Lov'emnrn, by Not For Love). B-Leslie G. Cromer (W.Va.). O-Grams Racing Stable. T-Timothy C. Grams. J-Oscar Flores. Time: 1:24.49. Margin: 5¼. 2nd: **Week-end Liberty**. 3rd: **Jaxbradenrishi**.

9/22 Henry Mercer Memorial (\$50K). 4½ F. Reg. WV-Bred, 2YO.

Winner: **BURNIN RING O FIRE** (b.g., Limehouse—Nashi, by E Dubai). B/O-Ray M. Pennington III (W.Va.). T-Ollie L. Figgins III. J-J.D. Acosta. Time: :52.65. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Blushing Owen**. 3rd: **Not for Sonde**.

9/22 Misty Bennett Pink Ribbon (\$50K). 7 F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **LAKE PONCHATRAIN** (dk.b./br.m., 6, Afleet Express—Harmony Lake, by Lucky Lionel). B-John E. and Barbara R. Smicklas Living Trusts (Okla.). O/T-Ernest M. Haynes. J-Arnaldo Bocachica. Time: 1:24.59. Margin: 7¼. 2nd: **Renaissance Rosie**. 3rd: **My Magician**.

9/22 Rachel's Turn (\$50K). 4½ F. Reg. WV-Bred, 2YO F.

Winner: **BATTLGROUND STAR** (b.f., Astrology—Sudden Desire, by Hennessy). B/O-Coleswood Farm. (W.Va.). T-Jeff C. Runco. J-Arnaldo Bocachica. Time: :52.38. Margin: 5¼. 2nd: **Parisian Diva**. 3rd: **Thislillimeofmine**.

9/22 Sadie Hawkins (\$50K). 7 F. Reg. WV-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ANNA'S BANDIT** (dk.b./br.f., 4, Great Notion—Onearmedbandit, by No Armistice). B/T-John Robb (W.Va.). O-No Guts No Glory Farm. J-Xavier Perez. Time: 1:24.93. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Moonlit Song**. 3rd: **Jacky's Notion**.

9/22 Last Enchantment (\$35K). 4½ F. Reg. WV-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **AARON'S TAP** (dk.b./br.g., 4, Northern Afleet—Tapforaly, by Pleasant Tap). B-A & B Bloodstock (W.Va.). O-Smart Angle LLP. T-Jeff C. Runco. J-Arnaldo Bocachica. Time: :51.31. Margin: 3¼. 2nd: **Scythe**. 3rd: **Eutaw Street**.

Grams Racing Stable's 4-year-old Runnin'toluvya, trained by Tim Grams, easily captured the \$50,000 Frank Gall Memorial at 7 furlongs. Runnin'toluvya won the Moscarelli Memorial in 2016, missed all of 2017, and recorded his sixth win in seven starts in 2018. He received automatic selection to either the featured Breeders Classic or the 7-furlong Onion Juice.

No Guts No Glory Farm's Anna's Bandit collected her second Charles Town

stakes win of 2018 in the \$50,000 Sadie Hawkins for fillies and mares at 7 furlongs for trainer Jerry Robb. Anna's Bandit earned automatic selection to either the Cavada Breeders Classic or Classic Distaff.

Wagering was strong on this year's Race for the Ribbon card as Charles Town reported total pari-mutuel handle of \$2,208,585, the second-largest non-Charles Town Classic day handle in track history.★

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New Jersey fixture Sacco gets taste of Grade 1 with 2YO colt Mind Control

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The colt was in his stall at Keeneland in anticipation of his start as the morning-line favorite in the Claiborne Breeders' Futurity-G1 Oct. 6, the airplane tickets were purchased for trainer Greg Sacco and his family, and anticipation and excitement were sky high.

Then the phone rang. Mind Control had an elevated temperature.

"We were scheduled and ready to leave from home here in New Jersey at 10:30 in the morning on the day of the race," said Sacco, who captured the first Grade 1 victory of his 30-year career when the Red Oak Stable's homebred 2-year-old colt took the Hopeful Stakes at Saratoga in September. "It was very disappointing when that fever popped up and I had to scratch him, but that can happen with young horses. You have to roll with the punches. I would have liked to have raced him in Kentucky, but we'll take it in stride."

Disappointing is an understatement. The Futurity carries Grade 1 status, and then some. It is a "Win and You're In" qualifier for the Nov. 2 Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1 with an automatic spot in the starting gate and an all-expenses-and-fees paid trip to Churchill Downs, plus the top finishers also picked up Kentucky Derby-G1 qualifying points on a 10-4-2-1 basis.

Though the Kentucky-bred Mind Control (by Stay Thirsty) missed the Futurity—won by Maryland-bred longshot Knicks Go—he did bounce right back to remain on track to compete in the Juvenile and would train up to the race. It would be Sacco's first Breeders' Cup runner since Piscitelli finished fourth in the 2009 Juvenile at 50-1.

"It's very exciting. Piscitelli ran a very creditable race to be fourth, but this horse is very special," Sacco said. "Obviously, winning the Hopeful was a great credit

to him and a tribute to this horse's ability. We'll see how far he can go. Being a son of Stay Thirsty, I think he can handle two turns and won't have distance limitations. He's showed us that in his training and the way he gallops out after his races."

Mind Control, the first of Stay Thirsty's progeny to win a Grade 1, possesses a great mind in the opinion of Sacco, a third-generation horseman whose family has been a Monmouth mainstay since 1946.

"I've said all along that he's very smart for a baby. You show him something once and he gets it. He doesn't have any wasted energy," said Sacco. "He loves doing what he's doing and when you put the bridle on him in the morning, he knows it's time to go out there and work. Besides having a tremendous amount of ability, he's an extremely smart horse. I think that goes far in terms of shipping, big races, loaded fields and when there's a lot going on."

Sacco is the grandson of a Thoroughbred breeder, the nephew of two trainers and a jockey who became an assistant trainer, and the brother of Red Oak Stable manager Rick Sacco. The Saccos' father Bill (who died in 2009) was an accomplished trainer, polo player and steward during a long career in racing, mainly in New Jersey and Florida. The elder Sacco won the 1962 training title at Monmouth Park, and conditioned stakes winners in five decades.

He'd be impressed by Mind Control, a bay colt bred and co-owned by the Brunetti family's Red Oak Stable. Second to future graded stakes winner Call Paul in his debut at Delaware Park July 5, Mind Control blitzed four others in a maiden win at Monmouth Aug. 12 before aiming for the Hopeful Sept. 3. With Madaket Stables on board as a partner with Red Oak, Mind Control battled for the lead in the 7-furlong Hopeful and turned aside the late run

by favorite Mucho by three-quarters of a length.

Winning that Grade 1 race at Saratoga with Mind Control, whom Sacco considered for the Sapling at Monmouth before the colt signaled he deserved to shoot for a higher star, was the crowning achievement of the summer. But there were plenty of other highlights for the trainer, who competes at tracks all over the Mid-Atlantic region and finished seventh in the Monmouth standings with a record of 14-15-14 from 80 starts.

"We had a solid season at Monmouth," he said "The focus was on young horses. We had a nice contingent from the Brunettis and our other clientele. We broke a very nice maiden early in the year (at Monmouth July 15) with Joevia (Shanghai Bobby—Peace Process, by War Front), who is a horse I was going to point to the Sapling but he hyper-extended a knee. Now he's back in training. He's a very, very talented colt and I think he has a bright future."

Sacco, the father of William, 17, and Sydney, 15, has never before headed south for the winter months after the Monmouth meet like so many of the other New Jersey horsemen because his wife, Kate, and children came first. Now that the kids are older he can travel more.

"This winter, especially because of Mind Control, we're probably going to have some stalls in Florida. I'm not sure yet if it's going to be at Tampa Bay Downs or Palm Meadows, but there will probably be about 10 horses stabled in Florida. I'll be overseeing everything and will split my time flying back and forth between Parx and Florida," he said.

"Mind Control missing the Futurity was horrible timing. But everything is good. We have a lot of young horses in the barn that still haven't raced, about half a dozen, and another half a dozen on the farm that we look forward to joining the stable shortly. So we should have some racing up North and some in Florida, and with the stable star Mind Control, there is definitely a lot to look forward to. It's all really encouraging," he continued.

He can also anticipate a fourth-generation Sacco joining the family business. From an early age Will has been a regular at the same Monmouth barn where his father and grandfather have headquartered for the last eight decades.

"Will loves the business and he is very attuned to it. He loves the breeding aspect and is very into conformation. He's been

to several sales with us and he's got a very good eye. We watch a lot of baby races, whether at Monmouth or other tracks, and he's got it," said the proud dad. "He's applying for colleges now and while I don't want to push him in any one direction, I think he has the bug that my brother and I still have so I expect he'll be in the racing business in some aspect, whether it be training, bloodstocking or management. He'll be involved in the industry in some aspect."

■ Trainer Jorge Navarro is oft-quoted as saying that he loves Monmouth Park, and no wonder. At meet's end he had earned honors as the leading trainer and owner while topping the trainer standings for a record sixth consecutive time while setting a record for most wins at the meet (85) for the third straight year. He is the first to double as leading conditioner and owner (22 victories) since J. Willard Thompson and Quiet Winter Farm in 2001.

The 2018 meet was also historic for veteran Jose Ferrer, who has been riding in New Jersey since 1982 as he captured his first Monmouth Park riding title with 95 wins. Earlier this year, the 54-year-old Ferrer, who has won more than 4,350 races, was honored with the prestigious George Woolf Memorial Award.

■ Monmouth's 52-day meet, plagued by rain, ended Sept. 9 with small declines in attendance and handle before the action shifted to the all-turf racing for six cards at The Meadowlands.

Even though more than one-third (80 of 231) of the scheduled turf races were moved to the dirt, average daily attendance was 8,986, down slightly from 2017. The average daily simulcast daily handle averaged \$2,985,009, off 1.6 percent compared to 2017. The average daily total handle in 2018 was \$3,383,872, down 2.1 percent.

With sports betting now legal in New Jersey and that side of the business booming at the track, there is every reason to be optimistic about 2019.

"We got off to a great start, which was unfortunately dampened by the rainy conditions we had to deal with throughout the summer and right up until our final two days of racing," said Dennis Drazin, chairman and CEO of Darby Development, operator of Monmouth Park. "We're proud of the quality of the racing we were able to offer once again and we're encouraged moving forward with the advent of sports betting as part of the fabric of what Monmouth Park has to offer to our patrons." *



Synchrony powers off with a win the Grade 3 Red Bank Stakes for Fair Hill-based trainer Mike Stidham.



Elysea's World (Ire) leads them home in the Grade 3 Violet for New York-based trainer Chad Brown.

September stakes results for Monmouth

9/1 Red Bank-G3 (\$100K). 1 mi. Turf. 3&up.

Winner: **SYNCHRONY** (ch.h., 5, Tapit—Brownie Points, by Forest Wildcat). B/O-Pin Oak Stud (Ky.). T-Michael Stidham. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:33.61. Margin: 1½. 2nd: **Abiding Star**. 3rd: **Irish Strait**.

9/1 Violet-G3 (\$100K). 1½ mi. Turf. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ELYSEA'S WORLD (IRE)** (b.m., 5, Champs Elysees-GB—Ideal World, by Singspiel-Ire). B-Haras D'Haspel (Ireland). O-Sheep Pond Partners and All Pro Racing. T-Chad C. Brown. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:48.06. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Viva Vegas**. 3rd: **Bishop's Pond**.

9/1 Sapling (\$75K). 1 mi. 2YO.

Winner: **UNIONIZER** (b.c., Union Rags—Mind Eraser, by Unbridled's Song). B-Vegso Racing Stable (Fla.). O-Peter Vegso. T-William I. Mott. J-Joe Bravo. Time: 1:42.54. Margin: 1½. 2nd: **Successful Zip**. 3rd: **Stage Left**.

9/1 Sorority (\$75K). 1 mi. Turf. 2YO F.

Winner: **DECORATED ACE** (b.f., Treasure Beach-GB—Graceful Ace, by Joyeux Danseur). B-Helen Barbazon and Joseph Barbazon (Fla.). O/T-Brenda McCarthy. J-Hector Rafael Diaz Jr. Time: 1:37.36. Margin: 1¼. 2nd-DH: **Malocchio**, **Sweet Sami D**.

Waiting Game

Zanjabeel handles break, opponents in Grade 1 Lonesome Glory triumph

BY JOE AND SEAN CLANCY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY TOD MARKS

Back in May, owner George Mahoney thought about the possibilities. His horse Zanjabeel (GB) had just won the Iroquois Steeplechase-G1 to leap to the top of list when it came to 2018 hurdle horses. And plenty lay ahead.

“Cotton wool . . . cotton wool,” Mahoney blurted when asked what the next step might be. The old racetrack expression

refers to the fragility of Thoroughbreds, the best-laid plans of human beings and the cushioning properties of raw cotton. It would take many yards to wrap a horse with so much padding, but Mahoney and trainer Ricky Hendriks might have tried. Zanjabeel opened 2018 with seconds in the Colonial Cup-G1 and Temple Gwathmey-G2, then blitzed six foes in

the Iroquois to germinate serious championship aspirations. Despite two Grade 1 opportunities in Saratoga, the 5-year-old avoided summer racing and was instead freshened for autumn opportunities. He got some turnout time and a mental and physical break—though there was—apparently—no cotton blanket applied.

“I love Saratoga, but it’s the best thing for the horse,” Mahoney said in that May conversation. “There’s no sense in forcing anything. The best thing to do with him is wait for the fall.”

So he waited, and was rewarded. In his first start since May, Zanjabeel won the Lonesome Glory-G1 at Belmont Park Sept. 20. Behind him came four horses who started at Saratoga plus three others looking to get into the title picture. As it turned out, they had no chance.

Carrying 156 pounds including visiting Irish jockey Jack Kennedy, Zanjabeel let stablemate Clarcam (Fr) set the pace



Zanjabeel digs in late while winning the Grade 1 Lonesome Glory Stakes at Belmont Park in September.

while finding a spot in fourth behind another stablemate Optimus Prime (Fr) and Personal Start. Clarcam still led on the final run up the backstretch, when the pace quickened. Saratoga winner Show Court (Ire) fell behind horses at the eighth fence, while Clarcam (Jack Doyle) maintained his advantage over the ninth and 10th, and briefly kicked away on the turn with a half-mile to go.

Zanjabeel took the second spot away from Optimus Prime with a better jump at the 10th and was in between horses as Three Kingdoms (Ire) made up ground midway on the turn. Zanjabeel went after Clarcam at the top of the stretch as Three Kingdoms tried to keep pace. New York Turf Writers Cup-G1 winner Optimus Prime was briefly boxed in and lost some momentum, as the winner set sail and responded as Kennedy switched his whip to his left hand. The jockey went back to his right just past the furlong pole and had plenty left for 33-1 Hinterland (Fr), who edged Optimus Prime by a neck for the place spot late.

The winner paid \$5.40 as the slight favorite (over Optimus Prime) in a field of eight and keyed a \$72.50 exacta (for \$1) with the race's longest shot at 33-1. Final time for 2½ miles was 4:50.24 over a yielding course.

Kennedy, 19, rode Zanjabeel when the horse was part of trainer Gordon Elliott's yard in Ireland—and was aboard for an American win at Far Hills, N.J., in 2017—but called the son of Aussie Rules a different horse this time around.

"He's definitely a better horse than I rode last year," said the jockey, who rides full-time in Ireland and improved to 2-for-2 in America with the win. "It was always in him to be this good, but he can be a little bit quirky. I think coming over here and having the sun on his back is bringing out the best in him. He jumped well and traveled brilliant, and picked up after going a steady pace. He's done it well. He hadn't run since May and Ricky had him fairly straight."

Kennedy got the mount because regular jockey Ross Geraghty wound up on Optimus Prime, one of three Mahoney-owned runners in the race—the winner and Clarcam in partnership with Ben Griswold IV's Meadow Run Farm, and Optimus Prime. Watching all three hit the top of the



Boss Man (left) leads early in the William Entenmann Memorial at Belmont.

stretch together applied blood-pressure points.

"Talk about anxiety attacks," he said of watching it unfold. "Stressful, the anxiety is off the charts. You're not rooting for or against any of them so it can be a little bit hard to watch, just like you're not rooting against your children if they're on the same team. It's a good problem to have three Grade 1 horses and I don't want to sound boastful about that. They have to run against each other. There's no other choice, but we're blessed today. We'll enjoy it and tomorrow we'll put our heads down again and go to work."

Mahoney, who races as Rosbrian Farm, is a Marylander whose steeplechase pursuits once centered mainly on timber racing and the Maryland Hunt Cup. A Rosbrian horse has never won, but a few have come close. He began expanding his stable five (-ish) years ago and has gradually stepped up the quality—and the success rate under the guidance of Hendriks. Rosbrian finished fifth overall in 2017 and was running away with the 2018 title though some late-season races remained in October and November.

The owner called the stable expansion, and move away from primarily timber racing, only part by design.

"Timber racing has evolved into a very popular part of the sport, and the horses are not your mom or dad's hunter anymore," said Mahoney, a regular in the foxhunting field who rode a few point-to-points in

the 1970s. "They're fast horses and they generally end up being horses who had careers as hurdle horses. I thought the opportunities that hurdle racing presented were much more open than timber racing. Timber requires longer training hours, it's just tougher. It came down to opportunities and which was the best way to enjoy some success in the sport I love."

Zanjabeel fits the new business model. Elliott brought Zanjabeel to the United States for Far Hills last October, and the then 4-year-old won the \$125,000 Foxbrook novice hurdle stakes in a romp over 10 rivals. Mahoney purchased the bay gelding out of that race, sold half to Griswold and got paid back with a similar win in November. This year has been even better.

As for the pursuit of the Hunt Cup, it'll have to wait.

"I sure tried and I would love that but that can be a freak race," he said. "Those horses aren't on every corner. You have to have a lot of added ingredients for that kind of animal. It's about having the right animal. You can't force it. It just kind of happens."

Mahoney-owned horses won three of the first five Grade 1 steeplechases of 2018, with Zanjabeel on the inside track toward a potential Eclipse Award as champion steeplechaser. The Lonesome Glory was designed as a final tightener for the Grand National-G1 four weeks later.

"That Zanjabeel ran some race," said Hendriks, who leaned toward Optimus Prime when trying to pick a favorite before the race. "It's a long way from the Iroquois [in May] to here. It's hard to do. He had a little vacation. He had a little turnout and we let him have some grass for about a month. Then we started back with him. He's some animal. He did everything right, but coming into today we thought this was a prep. This was a prep for Far Hills. I figured he would need it and I knew the other horse had had a race."

BOSS MAN RULES IN ENTENMANN

Boss Man keeps climbing the corporate ladder, and made it one more rung with a win in the \$75,000 William Entenmann Memorial novice stakes to start the Sept. 20 card at Belmont Park.

After 33 starts on the flat, the 8-year-old gelding turned to hurdles after being purchased by Carrington Holdings and trainer Arch Kingsley. Pulled up in his debut in April, Boss Man has done nothing but deliver returns since with a maiden win on his owners' home course the Queen's Cup in late April, an allowance win at Saratoga Aug. 1, a third in novice stakes company Aug. 22 and then the Entenmann. The five-start campaign includes three wins, a third and \$109,500 in earnings (he started for a \$16,000 tag at Gulfstream Park in January).

Based in South Carolina and at Monmouth Park racetrack in New Jersey, Kingsley was confident from the beginning.

Kingsley and his budding star spent the summer at Monmouth, and prepped there after the loss at Saratoga—where Boss Man tracked the pace but never settled into a rhythm—and changed things up a little.

"In between races I try to do very little with him because he trains very aggressively," said Kingsley. "This week, he pretty much two-minute licked every day. I was like, 'You want to train, I'll let you train into this race. I trained into the last one, you got this one.' It was a matter of letting him do his thing and that's a key to older horses like him."

Whatever, the plan—and a reunion with jockey Mikey Mitchell—worked.

Boss Man went to his usual spot on the lead, found a comfortable gallop with his ears pricked and kept going. The 3-1 co-favorite with No Wunder (GB) got challenged late by Ice It but dug in to win by a

half-length in 4:12.34 for 2¼ miles. Detroit Blues (GB), making his first start in more than two years, rallied for third.

Bred in Florida by the Steinbrenner family's Kinsman Farm, Boss Man began his career for trainer Bill Mott—winning at Saratoga in 2014 before getting claimed for \$25,000 by Jason Servis in March 2015. After winning four times for the new barn, Boss Man finished 10th for a \$16,000 tag in January and Kingsley (who'd had the horse on his radar for four years) made a phone call. Servis and owner Michael Gabriel agreed and the horse had a new calling.

HOUSE CALL FOR DOC CEBU

If all the success is getting to timber horse Doc Cebu, he's not showing it. The defending division champion got back to work in the \$25,000 open timber at Shawan Downs Sept. 29—and dismantled eight others while winning for the sixth time in eight starts over the wooden fences.

Doc Cebu and jockey Hadden Frost stalked Top Man Michael (Ire) early and drew off in the stretch to score by 3½ lengths over Top Man Michael who had 11 lengths on Kings Apollo (GB) in third after 7:06.40 for 3⅞ miles on good turf. Trained by Jack Fisher for the partnership of Charlie Fenwick, Mike Hankin and Charlie Noell, Doc Cebu won the 2017 timber title with four wins from five starts in his rookie season. The son of Hard Spun opened 2018 with a loss at Middleburg in April, but has erased that with a stakes win at Willowdale in May and then the Shawan victory off a four-month layoff.

Once part of Kieron Magee's flat stable in Maryland, Doc Cebu trailed Maryland Hunt Cup winner Senior Senator (\$90,000-\$39,000) in the race for the 2018 timber championship. Senior Senator was not being pointed to a fall start, so Doc Cebu had an opportunity to tighten that gap in advance of timber stakes in October and November.

FUELED BY



■ In other action at Shawan, the fall season's first full race meet, owner/breeder Lee Pokoik (who won a Grade 1 at Saratoga with 2-year-old filly Sippican Harbor) picked up a steeplechase win when Roller Rolls On took the \$20,000 maiden hurdle for 3-year-olds in a field of 10 first-timers. Trained by Doug Fout and ridden by Barry Foley, the winner outran

Snowie Hill through the stretch to score by a half-length with Hepcat third.

Roller Rolls On, a son of Lemon Drop Kid and the Include mare Classofsixtythree, made three flat starts in New York for trainer Gary Contessa to start the year, moved to Fout's care and learned to jump. The bay gelding finished fifth going 1½ miles on the turf at Saratoga in late August.

Elucidation (Ire), whose English racing career put him in the barn of trainer Sir Michael Stoute for owner the Niarchos family, won his hurdle debut for Irv Naylor, Cyril Murphy and jockey Darren Nagle in a \$30,000 maiden. The winner, who ran on the turf at Laurel in late June, scored by 6½ lengths over Quality Song with Bobby the Boss third.

Maryland-bred Flash Jackson graduated in the second \$30,000 maiden hurdle for owner/breeder Ann Jackson and trainer Todd Wyatt. The winner, a son of Get Stormy and the Petionville mare Riveting, raced up close throughout and wore down Khafayya (Ire) late to win by 1½ lengths for jockey Eric Poretz. Special Relation (Ire) finished third.

Duodecim Stable's All for Us started a training double for Fisher in a \$30,000 allowance hurdle, the horse's first start in nearly two years. After racing with trainer Tom Proctor on the flat, the son of Tiz Wonderful won his hurdle debut in May 2016 before placing in his next five to close the year. He missed 2017, but ousted seven others at Shawan with big closing kick.

Rosbrian Farm's Indigo Heart dominated a handicap hurdle for apprentice jockeys, winning by 9 lengths with Archie Macauley aboard. Hendriks trained the winner, who prepped with a second on the turf at Delaware Park three weeks earlier.

Noble Stable's Kingofalldiamonds closed the day with a maiden timber win for trainer Neil Morris and jockey Kieran Norris, scoring by 7¼ lengths over Political Theatre (Ire).

NOTES: Fisher doubled again at Foxfield Oct. 7 to narrow Hendriks' lead in the trainers' standings to one at 15-14 through Oct. 12 . . . Jack Doyle led the jockeys' race with 13 wins, two more than Geraghty and Nagle . . . Rosbrian led the owners with \$517,650 . . . The season wraps up this month with four stops—Callaway Gardens and Montpelier Nov. 3, the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup Nov. 4 and Charleston Nov. 11.

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Jersey-bred star Irish War Cry retires to Northview in MD

Classic-placed Irish War Cry, the Mid-Atlantic region's richest 3-year-old of 2017, has been retired to stud at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md., for the 2019 season.

Initially scheduled to stand in Kentucky alongside his sire, two-time Horse of the Year Curlin at Hill 'n' Dale Farm, the New Jersey-bred was shifted to Northview.

"With the addition of champion Good Magic [also by Curlin] and the strong track record of making stallions at Northview, we decided this was the ideal situation for Irish War Cry," said Hill 'n' Dale owner John Sikura. "His credentials as a top-class racehorse and great physical specimen make him a standout in the vibrant Maryland market."

The 2017 New Jersey-bred Horse of the Year, Irish War Cry retires a four-time stakes winner of \$1,257,060. Raced for three seasons by his breeder, Isabelle de Tomaso, and trained by Graham Motion, who described the chestnut colt as "a gorgeous and talented horse," Irish War Cry launched his career with three consecutive victories, including the 7-furlong Marylander Stakes at Laurel Park to complete his juvenile season, and the Grade 2 Holy Bull at Gulfstream Park going 1½ miles to kick off his 3-year-old campaign.

He sat atop the NTRA's leading 3-year-olds poll early in the year, and went into the Kentucky Derby-G1 as one of the favorites off a 3½-length victory in Aqueduct's Grade 2 Wood Memorial at 1½ miles. Off the board in the Derby, he followed with a



second as favorite in the Grade 1 Belmont Stakes, leading the majority of the 1½-mile classic and battling to the wire with Tapwrit. Irish War Cry returned at 4 to capture the Grade 3 Pimlico Special, leading at every call of the 1½ miles and drawing off by 4½ lengths over a sloppy track.

The colt is one of six winners from as many starters for the Polish Numbers mare

Irish Sovereign. He is a half-brother to graded stakes winner Irish Strait and stakes-placed Irish Politics.

Irish War Cry's stud fee is \$6,500 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses. Shares and lifetime breeding rights are available.

Northview's Bandbox gets first wins

Graded stakes winner Bandbox, a son of Tapit who stands at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md., got his first two winners in a span of six days with scores by He's Not Curly and Follow the Dog at Laurel Park.

He's Not Curly turned an eventful trip into a victory Sept. 8. Breaking slowly from his inside post, the gray gelding stalked the pace over a sloppy track, shifted to the outside as he rounded the turn, and took the lead before being joined by longshot Confessor. The two battled the final eighth-mile, with He's Not Curly losing the

lead, then winning by a half length in the 1-mile off the turf maiden test.

Owned by Step Up Thoroughbreds and trained by Chuck Lawrence, He's Not Curly was bred in Maryland by Carl Lanier. Out of the winning Curlin mare She's Curly, he was born Feb. 10—the first reported of Bandbox's 32 foals in his first crop.

Follow the Dog was awarded the victory after being bothered by Passcode early in a 5½-furlong maiden special weight Sept. 14. The gray colt, campaigned by Waldorf Racing Stables and trained by

Marya Montoya, was bred by Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds out of the Cozzene mare Two's Cozy.

Bandbox was a stakes performer each of the four years he raced, won or placed in seven stakes from 15 career starts, and earned \$390,345. Campaigned by Ellen Charles' Hillwood Stable and trained by Rodney Jenkins, Bandbox scored his biggest victory at age 6 in the 2014 General George Handicap-G3 at 7 furlongs.

Bandbox, 10, is out of the Grand Slam mare Empty the Bases and stands for \$2,500 live foal.

STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2018

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

These statistics were supplied by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. (TJCIS). Exact date is at the discretion of TJCIS. †Denotes freshman sire.

The following statistics, compiled on Oct. 3, reflect 2018 earnings for all countries in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere reported to TJCIS.

	Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Wnrs./Runners	Avg./Runner	Stakes Winners
1. Jump Start (Pa)	1,367	246	1,083	96	147	Startwithsilver (\$174,900)	\$4,228,646	39	\$17,190	7
2. Great Notion (Md)	313	92	456	52	79	Ruby Notion (\$266,380)	2,794,938	57	30,380	6
3. Friesan Fire (Md)	176	97	581	50	74	Army Mule (\$266,400)	2,549,180	52	26,280	3
4. Fiber Sonde (WV)	209	77	398	46	95	Late Night Pow Wow (\$274,970)	1,863,151	60	24,197	4
5. Weigelia (Pa)	111	40	266	27	45	Smooth B (\$194,778)	1,620,246	68	40,506	2
6. Not For Love (deceased)	975	67	389	37	52	Stolen Love (\$83,520)	1,356,089	55	20,240	1
7. Smarty Jones (Pa)	726	133	560	48	61	Midnight Poker (\$129,830)	1,306,246	36	9,821	2
8. Orientate (pensioned)	834	63	378	33	50	Whyyouask (\$78,435)	1,242,632	52	19,724	0
9. Limehouse (WV)	445	77	411	34	59	Sandy's Slew (\$217,805)	1,214,875	44	15,778	3
10. Windsor Castle (WV)	341	84	522	43	66	William and Mary (\$111,691)	1,214,374	51	14,457	1
11. Street Magician (Md)	127	57	304	22	39	Up Hill Battle (\$84,803)	1,057,312	39	18,549	0
12. El Padrino (deceased)	106	40	170	19	30	Whereshetoldmetogo (\$231,320)	1,021,175	48	25,529	1
13. Fairbanks (pensioned)	228	46	285	17	24	One Go All Go (\$363,550)	993,198	37	21,591	1
14. Rockport Harbor (deceased)	471	66	419	28	52	Rockaroundthedock (\$83,283)	930,015	42	14,091	1
15. Talent Search (Pa)	144	50	297	22	38	Final Shot (\$73,570)	855,524	44	17,110	0
16. Lord Shanakill (Pa)	187	75	388	32	48	Time Shanakill (\$70,394)	839,620	43	11,195	2
17. Silver Train (deceased)	538	97	454	35	51	Devine Dental (\$92,070)	812,275	36	8,374	0
18. Redeemed (Md)	76	39	216	18	24	Friday Mass (\$83,562)	783,136	46	20,080	0
19. Denis of Cork (WV)	127	54	358	29	51	B's Wild Cork (\$69,615)	768,579	54	14,233	0
20. Charitable Man (deceased)	169	73	373	34	47	My Sweet Charity (\$43,003)	746,834	47	10,231	0
21. Uptowncharlybrown (Pa)	27	14	59	9	14	Dixie Serenade (\$221,750)	664,523	64	47,466	1
22. Petionville (Md)	740	47	273	23	26	Shimerville (\$71,740)	649,543	49	13,820	0
23. Mr. Sidney (WV)	118	37	221	17	30	Mr Satchmo (\$70,953)	594,721	46	16,074	1
24. Crown of Thorns (Pa)	52	27	173	13	24	Swagger Jagger (\$78,596)	567,849	48	21,031	1
25. Bullsbay (Pa)	73	29	159	14	24	Dancing Bull (\$74,300)	564,309	48	19,459	0
26. Freedom Child (Md)	55	25	130	13	16	Limited View (\$89,750)	547,334	52	21,893	1
27. Hey Chub (NJ)	39	18	111	11	18	Brother Chub (\$137,900)	489,532	61	27,196	3
28. Lion Hearted (deceased)	624	35	187	14	17	Division One (\$41,741)	463,546	40	13,244	0
29. Rimrod (Pa)	111	17	109	8	12	Checkbouncin Billy (\$156,000)	455,792	47	26,811	0
30. Despite the Odds (Md)	48	22	131	13	20	Odds On (\$63,410)	416,428	59	18,929	0
31. Scipion (Md)	144	29	182	7	10	Singing Sarah (\$86,800)	392,892	24	13,548	0
32. Louis Quatorze (deceased)	989	22	114	9	12	Senor Louie (\$62,080)	381,874	41	17,358	0
33. Outflanker (Md)	558	26	149	10	14	Crouchelli (\$47,718)	371,661	38	14,295	0
34. Cal Nation (Pa)	45	23	140	7	12	Pal Cal (\$81,871)	365,156	30	15,876	0
35. Medallist (Pa)	198	21	110	6	13	Hashtag Selfie (\$70,108)	363,646	29	17,316	0
36. Mad Flatter (deceased)	44	25	120	12	14	La Bella Pina (\$53,290)	362,179	48	14,487	0
37. Don Six (NJ)	83	17	112	12	18	Evil Monkey (\$86,073)	342,892	71	20,170	0
38. Got the Last Laugh (Pa)	51	12	72	8	18	Grady (\$82,070)	336,029	67	28,002	0
39. Defrere (deceased)	590	16	92	7	9	Oak Bluffs (\$160,600)	335,888	44	20,993	1
40. Albert the Great (pensioned)	409	20	124	8	15	She's Chubs (\$75,000)	303,449	40	15,172	1
41. Machen (WV)	61	24	110	16	25	Moovin On Machen (\$36,582)	298,206	67	12,425	0
42. Bop (deceased)	192	19	110	8	17	Bebopaleon (\$57,868)	278,072	42	14,635	0
43. Rock Slide (pensioned)	282	22	123	8	10	Rocky Policy (\$78,850)	270,349	36	12,289	1
44. Peak Dancer (deceased)	91	20	131	10	14	Braxton (\$76,755)	262,933	50	13,147	0
45. Swiss Yodeler (pensioned)	778	36	220	18	32	Brite Echo (\$31,865)	262,245	50	7,285	1
46. Cuba (Md)	15	6	36	3	5	Laki (\$166,880)	254,680	50	42,447	1
47. Drinkwiththediabol (Pa)	56	7	50	4	6	Bizerk (\$127,666)	248,107	57	35,444	1
48. Friend Or Foe (Va)	16	7	30	4	4	Mr. Buff (\$124,617)	246,763	57	35,252	0
49. Love of Money (deceased)	124	14	90	10	15	Find the Money (\$36,690)	246,348	71	17,596	0
50. During (WV)	206	15	88	9	15	Nellysford (\$58,907)	228,611	60	15,241	0
51. Activist (deceased)	188	14	82	6	9	Pink Elephant (\$58,653)	228,608	43	16,329	0
52. Partner's Hero (Pa)	460	16	76	3	5	Zipper's Hero (\$149,670)	227,393	19	14,212	1
53. Gattopardo (WV)	25	11	70	5	12	Opera Nite (\$70,144)	223,693	45	20,336	0
54. Buffum (Md)	14	9	36	4	6	No Refunds (\$83,956)	222,922	44	24,769	0
55. Wiseman's Ferry (deceased)	308	20	95	8	14	Zorally (\$76,119)	219,551	40	10,978	0
56. Done Talking (SC)	13	8	46	6	11	Queen of Schmooze (\$83,790)	215,743	75	26,968	0
57. More Smoke (Pa)	62	5	29	1	5	Smokin Nitro (\$202,060)	213,337	20	42,667	0
58. †Tritap (deceased)	30	14	37	5	5	Belial (\$52,047)	199,434	36	14,245	0
59. Nicanor (pensioned)	33	16	66	8	8	Lngtermrelationship (\$40,150)	196,736	50	12,296	0
60. Rebellion (GB) (Va)	49	10	59	4	4	Blurrucane (\$74,256)	195,289	40	19,529	0
61. Garnered (WV)	102	11	67	5	12	Mean Bean (\$53,115)	192,663	45	17,515	0
62. Il Postino (NJ)	16	10	66	5	6	Postino's Vow (\$43,820)	187,921	50	18,792	0
63. Andiron (Pa)	45	13	88	6	8	Roxbury N Overton (\$51,610)	185,908	46	14,301	0
64. Cable Boy (deceased)	23	7	30	2	4	Liz's Cable Girl (\$132,000)	173,547	29	24,792	1
65. Lite the Fuse (pensioned)	549	11	69	6	10	Hygh Life (\$38,083)	167,292	55	15,208	0

Mid-Atlantic-bred stakes winners

MD-bred: COME SUNDOWN, KNICKS GO, RILEY'S CHOICE, SONNY INSPIRED, WINPLACEORSHOWONO. NJ-bred: LIZ'S CABLE GIRL, VALEDICTORIAN. PA-bred: AMY FARAH FOWLER, FAHAN MURA, FAST AND ACCURATE, IMPLY, SHAMROCK ROSE. VA-bred: ALTAMURA, ELUSIVE MISCHIEF, PAULITA, RIVER DEEP, RIVER GAL. WV-bred: AARON'S TAP, ANNA'S BANDIT, BATTLEGROUND STAR, BURNIN RING O FIRE, LATE NIGHT POW WOW, RUBY NOTION, RUNNIN'TOLUVYA.

WV-bred Ruby Notion adds Grade 3 win for Silverton Hill



REED PALMER

Bonnie Hamilton held her breath for as long as she could while the field for the Kentucky Downs Ladies Sprint Stakes-G3 made the long run to the wire.

Hamilton, who races in the name Silverton Hill with her husband Tommy, wanted to encourage her homebred Ruby Notion to poke a head, neck, nose, anything, in front but thought that might be fruitless.

"She had never run that far before," Hamilton said. "Six-and-a-half furlongs at Kentucky Downs is about like a mile anywhere else, so we were holding our breath. About 20 strides before the wire, it looked like she was going to get nosed out. And she's not that big of a horse, so you can't say to her, 'Stick your nose out.'"

The little Great Notion mare did stick it out and won a three-way photo in the \$250,000 stakes Sept. 8, winning her second straight and first graded stakes for the Hamiltons and trainer Darrin Miller. The West Virginia-bred added the Kentucky Downs race to her prior score in Saratoga's Caress Stakes.

"It was wild. She just deserves it," Hamilton said. "She tries so hard and she's so fierce and she's so talented. There might be more talented horses but nobody wants it more than she does."

Ruby Notion is a Silverton Hill product through and through. The Hamiltons bought and raced Great Notion, a stakes winner who finished a close second in the King's Bishop Stakes-G1 as a 3-year-old, and bought, imported and raced her dam Modena Bay (NZ).

The Hamiltons support Great Notion, who stands at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md., and opted to have Modena Bay foal in West Virginia at Jeff and Susan Runco's Coleswood Farm.

"At that time when she was foaled, being a Maryland-bred was not really what you wanted to have," Hamilton said. "At that time, West Virginia-breds were a desirable thing to have. Except that she ended up being a grass horse."

"Jeff Runco has trained several horses for us and he said, 'Why don't you let us foal her out?' She couldn't be a Kentucky-bred and he said, 'If we foal her out, at least she's a West Virginia-bred.' Jeff is great, so is his wife."

Of course, Ruby Notion has not taken advantage of that decision as she's raced in Kentucky, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Florida, Massachusetts and even England in a career that began in a \$40,000 maiden claimer in 2015.

Modena Bay continues as a member of the Silverton Hill broodmare band. She's bred every other year and the now 20-year-old mare is represented by a yearling full-sister to Ruby Notion that the Hamiltons plan to race. Modena Bay was not bred in 2018 but they are considering breeding her in 2019.

Ruby Notion started her career with Wesley Ward and won three of four—the lone loss a fifth in the Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot—before a 13th in the 2015 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1 at Keeneland. She won once in five starts in 2016 and 2017 before the Hamiltons sent the feisty mare to Miller for her 5-year-old campaign.

"Her mother was just like that, and Ruby is not the warm, fuzzy type, they're just racehorses," Hamilton said. "I walked into her stall at Saratoga before she ran and she was looking at the track and I walked in behind her. She turned around and looked at me, and then I started to walk up to her and she ran me out of the stall. I was like, 'We're good, it's all good.'"

— Tom Law and Ben Gowans

Maryland-bred

COME SUNDOWN

First State Dash Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 5½ fur., Delaware-bred or certified 2-year-olds. Delaware Park, Sept. 29.

					Gone West	Mr. Prospector
					Touch of Greatness	Secrettame
Great Notion					Dayjur	Hero's Honor
					Water Lily (Fr)	Ivory Wand
						Danzig
						Gold Beauty
Come Sundown, b.g., 2016						Riverman
						First Bloom
					Cherokee Run	Runaway Groom
					Blading Saddle	Cherokee Dame
Desiderata					Allen's Prospect	Blade
					Muffins Muffin	Marlodge
						Mr. Prospector
						Change Water
						Lord Gaylord
						Run Columbia
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
18 (sw)	2	2 (1)	0	0	\$84,453 (through Sept. 29)	

2018: 1st \$100,000 First State Dash S, 5½ fur., Delaware-bred or certified 2-year-olds, Delaware, Sept. 29.

Stakes winners

Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes (Md.); owned by Steven T. Newby; trained by Dale Capuano.

Sire: **GREAT NOTION**, b., 00, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Dam: **DESIDERATA**, b., 03, bred by Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes (Md.). Raced 1 year, 9 starts, 1 win at \$3,212,260.

11 Giddy, ch.f. by Northern Fleet. Raced 3 years, 10 starts, 2 wins at \$4,24,902. (FTM Oct 12—\$22,000)

12 **EVERYTHING LOVELY**, ch.f. by Pollard's Vision. Raced 4 years, 26 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 5, \$359,651, The Very One S, 2nd Turf Amazon S, Ladies' Turf Sprint S, Jameela S twice, 3rd Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S, Lightning City S, Jameela S, Honey Bee S. (FTM Sept 13—\$30,000; FTM May 14—\$70,000)

13 Yamang Sidae, b.c. by Big Brown. Unraced. (FTM Sept 14—\$23,000)

14 Many Blessings, b.f. by Caleb's Posse. Raced 1 year, 1 start, 0 wins, \$0. (FTM Oct 15—\$15,000)

15 Barren.

16 **COME SUNDOWN**, b.g. by Great Notion. (FTM Oct 17—\$30,000)

17 Maybe Someday, gr./ro.c. by Bandbox.

18 b.f. by Vancouver (Aus).

KNICKS GO

Breeders' Futurity-G1

\$500,000-guaranteed, 1 1/4 mi., 2-year-olds. Keeneland, Oct. 6.

	Awesome Again	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent	
		Primal Force	Mint Copy	
Paynter			Blushing Groom (Fr)	
			Prime Prospect	
	Tizso	Cee's Tizzy	Relaunch	
		Cee's Song	Tizly	
Knick's Go , gr./ro.c., 2016			Seattle Song	
			Lonely Dancer	
	Outflanker	Danzig	Northern Dancer	
		Lassie's Lady	Pas de Nom	
Kosmo's Buddy			Alydar	
		Allen's Prospect	Lassie Dear	
	Vaulted		Mr. Prospector	
		Aube d'Or	Change Water	
			Medaille d'Or	
			Cloudy and Warm	
18 (sw)	starts 4	1st 2 (1)	2nd 0	3rd 1 (1)
				earnings \$330,515 (through Oct. 6)

2018: 1st \$500,000 **Breeders' Futurity-G1**, 1 1/4 mi., 2-year-olds, Keeneland, Oct. 6; 3rd **Arlington-Washington Futurity**.

Bred by Angie Moore (Md.); owned by KRA Stud Farm; trained by Ben Colebrook.

Sire: **PAYNTER**, b., 09, stands at WinStar Farm LLC, Versailles, Ky.

Dam: **KOSMO'S BUDDY**, gr./ro., 05, bred by Arnold Smolen (Md.). Raced 4 years, 37 starts, 5 wins at 2 and 3, \$298,095, Maryland Million Turf Sprint H, Crank It Up S, 2nd P.G. Johnson S, Marshua S, Hookedonthefeelin S, Jameela S, Gin Talking S, 3rd Maryland Million Lassie S, Wide Country S, Lightning City S, Trenton S, Witches Brew S, The Very One S, Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship.

12 Chanel Number One, gr./ro.f. by English Channel. Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 1 win at \$3,33,193. (FTM Sept 13—\$35,000)

13 Pinkprint, ch.f. by Not For Love. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$0.

14 Super Buddy, gr./ro.c. by Super Saver. Raced 2 years, 14 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$70,907. (FTK Oct 14—\$62,000; FTK July 15—\$75,000)

16 **KNICKS GO**, gr./ro.c. by Paynter. (Kee Nov 16—\$40,000; Kee Sept 17—\$87,000)

17 ch.c. by Orb.

18 gr./ro.c. by Broken Vow.

RILEY'S CHOICE

All Brandy Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1 mi. (off turf), registered Maryland-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Sept. 29.

	Forty Niner	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	
		File	Gold Digger	
Distorted Humor			Tom Rolfe	
			Continue	
	Danzig's Beauty	Danzig	Northern Dancer	
		Sweetest Chant	Pas de Nom	
Riley's Choice , ch.f., 2014			Mr. Leader	
			Gay Sonnet	
	Pleasantly Perfect	Pleasant Colony	His Majesty	
		Regal State	Sun Colony	
Shared Account			Affirmed	
			La Trinite (Fr)	
	Silk n' Sapphire	Smart Strike	Mr. Prospector	
		Golden Tiy	Classy 'n Smart	
			Dixieland Band	
			Tiy	

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
16	3	1	0	0	\$ 33,840
17	5	2	2 (1)	0	80,888
18 (sw)	5	1 (1)	0	0	56,310
	13	4 (1)	2 (1)	0	\$171,038 (through Sept. 29)

2017: 2nd **Pearl Necklace S. 2018:** 1st \$75,000 **All Brandy S**, 1 mi. (off turf), registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 29.

Bred and owned by Sagamore Farm (Md.); trained by Horacio DePaz.

Sire: **DISTORTED HUMOR**, ch., 93, stands at WinStar Farm LLC, Versailles, Ky.

Dam: **SHARED ACCOUNT**, b., 06, bred by William A. Carl (Ky.). Raced 4 years, 18 starts, 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$1,649,427, Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf-G1, Lake Placid S-G2, All Along S-G3, 2nd Diana S-G1, Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S-G1, Garden City S-G1, Virginia Oaks-G3, 3rd Perfect Sting S. (Kee Sept 07—\$170,000)

13 R J Bentley, b.c. by Bernardini. Raced 2 years, 3 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$1,368.

14 **RILEY'S CHOICE**, ch.f. by Distorted Humor.

15 **I'm Pretty Strong**, dk.b./br.f. by Street Cry (Ire). Raced 1 year, 6 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$59,194, 2nd George Rosenberger Memorial S.

17 Sharing, ch.f. by Speightstown. (FTS Aug 18—\$350,000)

18 Barren.

FUELED BY 

SONNY INSPIRED

Find Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1 mi. (off turf), registered Maryland-bred or sired, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Sept. 29.

	El Prado (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	
		Lady Capulet	Fairy Bridge	
Artie Schiller			Sir Ivor	
		Majestic Light	Cap and Bells	
	Hidden Light		Majestic Prince	
		Tallahto	Irradiate	
Sonny Inspired , b.g., 2011			Nantallah	
		Deputy Minister	Legato	
	Silver Deputy		Vice Regent	
		Silver Valley	Mint Copy	
Argentessque			Mr. Prospector	
		Horatius	Seven Valleys	
	Georgia K.		Proudest Roman	
		Pleasure Point	True Charm	
			Honest Pleasure	
			Negotiator	

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
13	6	1	1	1	\$ 40,560
14	10	1	5 (2)	2	100,617
15	10	2	0	3 (1)	105,147
16 (sw)	8	2 (2)	0	1 (1)	158,250
17	10	2	1 (1)	1 (1)	78,750
18 (sw)	10	3 (2)	0	2	127,100
	54	11 (4)	7 (3)	10 (3)	\$610,424 (through Sept. 29)

2014: 2nd **Mister Diz S**, **Christopher Elser Memorial S. 2015:** 3rd **Mister Diz S. 2016:** 1st \$75,000 **Fire Plug S**, 6 fur., 4 & up, Laurel, Jan. 16; \$75,000 **Ben's Cat S**, 6 fur., registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Laurel, March 19; 3rd **General George S-G3. 2017:** 2nd **Not For Love S**; 3rd **Fire Plug S. 2018:** 1st \$75,000 **Ben's Cat S**, 6 fur., turf, registered Md.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, Aug. 18; \$75,000 **Find S**, 1 mi. (off turf), registered Md.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 29.

Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes (Md.); owned by D Hatman Thoroughbreds; trained by Phil Schoenthal.

Sire: **ARTIE SCHILLER**, b., 01, stands at Stockwell Thoroughbreds, Diggers Rest, Victoria, Australia. Dam: **ARGENTESQUE**, b., 07, bred by Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes (Md.). Unraced. (FTN Sar 08—\$250,000; Kee Nov 10—\$27,000 in foal to Artie Schiller)

11 **SONNY INSPIRED**, b.g. by Artie Schiller. (FTM Oct 12—\$20,000)

13 Glad All Over, ch.f. by Trappe Shot. Unraced. (FTM Sept 14—\$195,000)

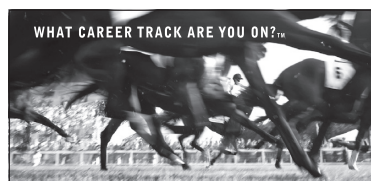
14 Barren.

15 Love Me Forever, b.f. by Lookin At Lucky. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, \$1,600. (Kee Sept 16—\$50,000; OBS April 17—\$50,000)

16 Final Call, ch.c. by Flatter. Unraced. (Kee Sept 17—\$340,000)

17 b.c. by Bayern. (Kee Sept 18—\$60,000)

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Stakes winners

WINPLACEORSHOWONO

New Castle Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., Delaware-bred or certified, 3 & up.
Delaware Park, Sept. 29.

	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning			
		Weekend Surprise	My Charmer			
	Dance With Ravens		Secretariat			
		Danzig	Lassie Dear			
	Dance Smartly		Northern Dancer			
		Classy 'n Smart	Pas de Nom			
	Winplaceorshowono, dk.b./br.c., 2014		Smarten			
		Mr. Prospector	No Class			
	Not For Love		Raise a Native			
		Dance Number	Gold Digger			
	Love'sclevertrick		Northern Dancer			
		Clever Trick	Numbered Account			
	Lady Clever Trick		Icecapade			
		Echelon Lady	Kankakee Miss			
			High Echelon			
			Riverboat Lady			
			earnings			
16	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		
	unraced					
17 (sw)	7	3 (1)	0	3	\$135,060	
18 (sw)	2	1 (1)	1	0	69,500	
	9	4 (2)	1	3	\$204,560	(through Sept. 29)

2017: 1st \$100,000 **New Castle S**, 6 fur., Del.-bred or certified, 3 & up, Delaware, Sept. 30; 3rd **Howard M. Bender Memorial S**. **2018:** 1st \$100,000 **New Castle S**, 6 fur., Del.-bred or certified, 3 & up, Delaware, Sept. 29.

Bred by Cynthia K. Rickman (Md.); owned by Rickman Racing LLC; trained by Dale Capuano.
Sire: **DANCE WITH RAVENS**, b., 02, stands in Saudi Arabia.

Dam: **LOVE'SCLEVERTRICK**, b., 05, bred by Lambholm and Ella Felcher (Fla.). Unraced. (FTM Oct 06—\$35,000)

09 Onetwothreepunch, ch.c. by Two Punch. Unraced.

10 Love's Lioness, b.f. by Lion Hearted. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 4, 0 wins, \$725.

11 Love'strickytrick, gr./ro.f. by Two Punch. Unraced.

12 Clever and Smart, ch.c. by Smarty Jones. Raced 1 year, 1 start, 1 win at 3, \$25,500.

14 **WINPLACEORSHOWONO**, dk.b./br.c. by Dance With Ravens.

15 Barren; 17-18 Barren.

FUELED BY 

New Jersey-bred

LIZ'S CABLE GIRL

Roamin Rachael Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up. Parx Racing, Sept. 15.

	Jump Start	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew			
		Steady Cat	Weekend Surprise			
	Cable Boy		Storm Cat			
		Taylor's Falls	Hopespringsforever			
	Millee Van		In Reality			
		Ruffle My Feathers	Nilene Wonder			
	Liz's Cable Girl, dk.b./br.f., 2014		Tom Rolfe			
		Danzig	One More Kiss			
	Belong to Me		Northern Dancer			
		Belonging	Pas de Nom			
	Forbidden Isle		Exclusive Native			
		Caveat	Straight Deal			
	Hello Mom		Cannonade			
		Road to Heaven	Cold Hearted			
			Kennedy Road			
			Sweet Heaven			
			earnings			
16	1	1	0	0	\$ 24,000	
17	8	5	0	1	148,120	
18 (sw)	6	4 (2)	0	1 (1)	162,000	
	15	10 (2)	0	2 (1)	\$334,120	(through Oct. 8)

2018: 1st \$60,000 **Eleven North H**, 6 fur., registered N.J.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Monmouth, Aug. 26; \$100,000 **Roamin Rachael S**, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Parx, Sept. 15; 3rd **Regret S**.

Bred by Colonial Farms (N.J.); owned by John Cocce, Lisbeth Dodd, Peter Donnelly and Gerard Melley; trained by Patrick B. McBurney.

Sire: **CABLE BOY**, dk.b./br., 04 (deceased).

Dam: **FORBIDDEN ISLE**, ch., 05, bred by Colonial Farms (N.J.). Raced 2 years, 3 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, \$10,610.

10 Forbidden Wish, ch.g. by Private Interview. Raced 3 years, 5 starts, 3 to 5, 0 wins, \$1,175.

12 Invictus Soul, ch.c. by Private Interview. Unraced.

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- 13 **Diamond Play**, dk.b./br.f. by E Dubai. Raced 4 years, 22 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 5, \$288,969, 3rd Jersey Girl H.
 14 **LIZ'S CABLE GIRL**, dk.b./br.f. by Cable Boy.
 15 Forbidden Cable, b.g. by Cable Boy. Raced 2 years, 8 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$3,197.
 17 ch.f. by Giant Surprise.

VALEDICTORIAN

All Along Stakes

\$150,000-guaranteed, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Sept. 22.

	Dynaformer	Roberto	Hail to Reason		
		Andover Way	Bramalea		
	Temple City		His Majesty		
		Danzig	On the Trail		
	Curriculum		Northern Dancer		
		Macoumba	Pas de Nom		
Valedictorian , dk.b./br.f., 2014			Mr. Prospector		
	Smart Strike		Maximova (Fr)		
		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native		
	Smart N Classy	Classy 'n Smart	Gold Digger		
			Smarten		
	Teenage Queen	Regal Classic	No Class		
			Vice Regent		
		Waltzing Empress	No Class		
			Tyrant		
			Dancing Teddy		
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
16	5	1	2	1	\$ 49,530
17	9	5	0	1	111,955
18 (sw)	7	3 (2)	2	0	182,950
	21	9 (2)	4	2	\$344,435 (through Sept. 22)

2018: 1st \$75,000 **Jersey Girl H**, 1 mi., turf, registered N.J.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Monmouth, July 4; \$150,000 **All Along S**, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 22.

Bred by John Bowers Jr. (N.J.); owned by Epic Racing; trained by Kelly J. Breen.

Sire: **TEMPLE CITY**, dk.b./br., 05, stands at Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: **SMART N CLASSY**, b., 00, bred by John Bowers Jr. (N.J.). Raced 4 years, 37 starts, 7 wins, 3 to 5, \$466,209, Eatontown H-G3, April Run S, 2nd Politely S, Omnibus S, Dahlia S, Spruce Fir H, 3rd Politely S, Goldfinch S, Open Mind H.

- 08 Barren.
 09 Slipped.
 10 Ride Ride Ride, b.g. by Candy Ride (Arg). Raced 7 years, 42 starts, 4 wins at 3, 5 and 7, \$131,866.
 11 Ride This Train, b.g. by Candy Ride (Arg). Raced 4 years, 41 starts, 5 wins at 4, 5 and 7, \$65,526.
 12 Barren.
 13 White Knuckle Ride, dk.b./br.f. by Twirling Candy. Raced 2 years, 23 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$44,075.
 14 **VALEDICTORIAN**, dk.b./br.f. by Temple City.
 15 Barren.
 16 Stay Smart, b.f. by Stay Thirsty. Unraced.
 17 Barren.
 18 c. by Vancouver (Aus).

Pennsylvania-bred

AMY FARAH FOWLER

Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-old fillies. Presque Isle Downs, Sept. 16.

	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning		
		Weekend Surprise	My Charmer		
	Astrology		Secretariat		
		Quiet American	Lassie Dear		
	Quiet Eclipse		Fappiano		
		June Gift	Demure		
Amy Farah Fowler , b.f., 2016			Hold Your Peace		
	Sir Cat	Storm Cat	Lady Ridanilustros		
		Desert Run	Storm Bird		
	Run Cat Run		Terlingua		
		M. Double M.	Private Account		
	Redeployed	Sumba	April Run (Ire)		
			Nodouble		
			Mazda's Miracle		
			Groton		
			Sunda Strait		
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
18 (sw)	6	3 (1)	3 (3)	0	\$154,900 (through Oct. 4)

2018: 1st \$100,000 **Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S**, 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Presque Isle, Sept. 16; 2nd **Fitz Dixon Jr. Memorial Juvenile**, **Mark McDermott S**, **Colleen S**. Bred by Blackstone Farm LLC (Pa.); owned and trained by Ron G. Potts.

Sire: **ASTROLOGY**, b., 08, stands at Acadiana Equine @ Copper Crowne, Opelousas, La.

Dam: **Run Cat Run**, b., 01, bred by John Salzman and Nancy Salzman (Md.). Raced 2 years, 4 starts, 1 win at 2, \$18,250, 3rd Salem County S. (Kee Nov 04—\$9,000; Kee Jan 07—\$1,500 in foal to Kela; Kee Nov 07—\$5,000 in foal to Chapel Royal)

- 05 Barren.
 06 c. by Distant View. Died 2006.
 07 Rivergrade Girl, dk.b./br.f. by Kela. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, \$4,320. (Kee Jan 08—\$4,500)
 08 dk.b./br.f. by Chapel Royal.
 09 Slipped twins.
 10 Foal born dead.
 11 Catch the Activist, b.g. by Activist. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 1 win at 3, \$13,971.
 12 Barren.
 13 Turning the Table, ch.f. by Stevie Wonderboy. Raced 2 years, 20 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$45,786.
 14 Barren.
 15 Bonaventure, b.g. by Wilburn. Raced 1 year, 3 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$3,225. (Kee Nov 15—\$2,000; Bar May 17—\$9,000)
 16 **AMY FARAH FOWLER**, b.f. by Astrology. (FTM Oct 17—\$8,500)
 17 b.c. by Real Solution. (FTM Oct 18—\$5,000)
 18 f. by Goldcents.

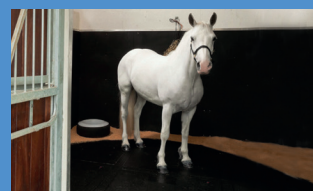
FAHAN MURA

Swingtime Stakes

\$70,000-added, 1 mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, non-winners of a sweepstakes of \$60,000 other than state-bred at 1 mile or over in 2018. Santa Anita, Oct. 7.



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2015: 1st \$75,000 **Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial**, 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Presque Isle, Sept. 20. **2017:** 1st \$100,000 **Northern Fling S.**, 1 mi., registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Presque Isle, July 9; 2nd **Lyphard S.**, **Mrs. Penny S.**, **H.B.P.A. S.** **2018:** 1st \$100,000 **Lyphard S.**, 1½ mi., turf, registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Penn National, June 2; \$100,000 **Plum Pretty S.**, 1½ mi., registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Parx, Oct. 6; 2nd **Mrs. Penny S.**; 3rd **Northern Fling S.**

Bred and owned by Barlar LLC (Pa.); trained by T. Bernard Houghton.

Sire: **E DUBAI**, b., 98, stands at Haras Los Lirios, Mercedes, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Dam: **Allude**, ch., 04, bred by Liberation Farm, Oratis Thoroughbreds and Trackside Farm (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 3, \$88,219, 2nd Weekend Surprise S, Beautiful Day S. (Kee Sept 05—\$65,000; Bar March 06—\$150,000; Kee Nov 08—\$47,000 in foal to Rockport Harbor; Kee Nov 11—\$17,000 in foal to Divine Park; Kee Nov 14—\$100,000 in foal to Shackleford)

09 Gallant Grey, gr./ro.g. by Rockport Harbor. Raced 1 year, 6 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$3,576. (Kee Sept 10—\$27,000)

10 **DANCINGINTHECIRCLE**, ch.f. by Divine Park. Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 3, \$121,240, By the Light S, 3rd Arlington-Washington Lassie S-G3. (FTK Oct 13—\$75,000; Kee Nov 14—\$125,000)

12 Refer, b.c. by Divine Park. Raced 4 years, 16 starts, 4 wins at 4 and 5, \$140,490. (OBS April 14—\$70,000)

13 **IMPLY**, ch.f. by E Dubai.

14 **ADVERT**, dk.b./br.f. by Lonhro (Aus). Raced 3 years, 14 starts, 5 wins, 2 to 4, \$226,458, Malvern Rose S, 3rd Lyphard S.

15 Friend Zone, ch.g. by Shackleford. Raced 1 year, 5 starts, 1 win at 3, \$12,820. (Kee Sept 16—\$47,000)

16 Liberty's Pursuit, ch.c. by Curlin. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, \$191. (Kee Sept 17—\$850,000)

17 b.f. by Into Mischief. (Kee Sept 18—\$250,000)

18 f. by Will Take Charge.

SHAMROCK ROSE

La Lorgnette Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1½ mi., 3-year-old fillies. Woodbine, Sept. 8.

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
Stephen Got Even					
First Dude					
Run Sarah Run					
Shamrock Rose , b.f., 2015					
Elusive Quality					
Slew's Quality					
Great Lady Slew					
17 (sw)	3	1 (1)	1 (1)	0	\$ 69,611
18 (sw)	5	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	148,076
	8	3 (3)	2 (2)	1 (1)	\$217,687 (through Sept. 8)

2017: 1st \$100,000 **Ontario Debutante S.**, 6 fur., 2-year-old fillies, Woodbine, Sept. 9; 2nd **Mazarine S-G3**. **2018:** 1st \$100,000 **Malvern Rose S.**, 1 mi., registered Pa.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Presque Isle, Aug. 5; \$100,000 **La Lorgnette S.**, 1½ mi., 3-year-old fillies, Woodbine, Sept. 8; 2nd **Cicada S.**; 3rd **Weber City Miss S.**

Bred by Best A Luck Farm LLC (Pa.); owned by Conrad Farms; trained by Mark E. Casse.

Sire: **FIRST DUDE**, b., 07, stands at Double Diamond Farm, Ocala, Fla.

Dam: **SLEW'S QUALITY**, dk.b./br., 04, bred by W Lazy T Limited (Ky.). Unraced. (Kee Sept 05—\$150,000; Kee Nov 07—\$35,000 in foal to Consolidator)

08 Storm Sox, b.f. by Consolidator. In Korea, raced 3 years, 18 starts, 2 to 4, 0 wins. (OBS April 10—\$15,000)

09 Quality Harbor, gr./ro.c. by Rockport Harbor. Raced 5 years, 31 starts, 4 wins at 2 and 5, \$99,712. (OBS Aug 10—\$19,000; OBS June 11—\$42,000)

10 Quality Cat, ch.g. by Lion Heart. Raced 4 years, 36 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$81,385.

11 Barren.

12 Quality Silver, dk.b./br.f. by Eurosilver. Raced 3 years, 13 starts, 1 win at 2, \$44,099.

13 Barren.

14 **Bet On Mike**, b.g. by Biondetti. Raced 3 years, 14 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$95,786, 2nd King Corrie S. (OBS April 16—\$30,000)

15 **SHAMROCK ROSE**, b.f. by First Dude. (OBS April 17—\$120,000)

16 Quality Pitch, dk.b./br.c. by Bandbox. Unraced. (FTM May 18—\$55,000)

17 b.c. by Stay Thirsty.

Virginia-bred

ALTAMURA

Oakley Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 5½ fur. (off turf), registered Virginia-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Sept. 23.

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
El Prado (Ire)					
Artie Schiller					
Hidden Light					
Altamura , b.f., 2015					
Jump Start					
Delta Weekend					
Misty Rain					
17	unraced				
18 (sw)	6	4 (3)	0	0	\$157,400 (through Sept. 23)

2018: 1st \$75,000 **M. Tyson Gilpin S.**, 5½ fur., turf, registered Va.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, June 23; \$75,000 **Camptown S.**, 5½ fur. (off turf), registered Va.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Aug. 4; \$75,000 **Oakley S.**, 5½ fur. (off turf), registered Va.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 23.

Bred by Chance Farm (Va.); owned by Susan Moulton; trained by Wayne M. Catalano.

Sire: **ARTIE SCHILLER**, b., 01, stands at Stockwell Thoroughbreds, Diggers Rest, Victoria, Australia. Dam: **DELTA WEEKEND**, gr./ro., 05, bred by Chance Farm (Va.). Raced 4 years, 28 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$70,844. (Kee Sept 06—\$27,000; OBS April 07—\$100,000)

12 Maysouthernbeauty, ch.f. by Street Boss. Raced 2 years, 7 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$1,165. (Kee Sept 13—\$10,000)

14 Barren.

15 **ALTAMURA**, b.f. by Artie Schiller. (FTK Oct 16—\$22,000; FTK July 18—\$205,000)

16 Upgrade Me, b.f. by Exchange Rate. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, \$1,590. (FTK Oct 17—\$120,000)

17 Barren.

ELUSIVE MISCHIEF

Punch Line Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 5½ fur. (off turf), registered Virginia-bred or sired, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Sept. 23.

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
Harlan					
Harlan's Holiday					
Into Mischief					
Leslie's Lady					
Elusive Mischief , b.c., 2015					
Unbridled's Song					
Claire's Song					
Chimichurri					
17	1	0	1	0	\$ 16,600
18 (sw)	6	3 (1)	0	1 (1)	105,625
	7	3 (1)	1	1 (1)	\$122,225 (through Sept. 23)

2018: 1st \$75,000 **Punch Line S.**, 5½ fur. (off turf), registered Va.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 23; 3rd **Charlie Barley S.**

Bred by Jim Fitzgerald and Katie Fitzgerald (Va.); owned by Lothenbach Stables Inc.; trained by Ian R. Wilkes.

Sire: **INTO MISCHIEF**, b., 05, stands at Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: **CLAIRE'S SONG**, b., 08, bred by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 8 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins \$37,471. (Kee Sept 09—\$130,000; Kee Nov 12—\$25,000)

14 Foal born dead.

15 **ELUSIVE MISCHIEF**, b.c. by Into Mischief. (Kee Jan 16—\$65,000; OBS Aug 16—\$90,000; OBS April 17—\$350,000; FTK July 18—\$92,000)

16 Tan and Tight, b.f. by Uncle Mo. Unraced. (FTS Aug 17—\$250,000; FTM May 18—\$250,000)

Stakes winners

17 b.f. by Uncle Mo.
18 f. by Exaggerator.

PAULITA

Brookmeade Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1½ mi. (off turf), registered Virginia-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Sept. 23.

	Johannesburg	Hennessy	Storm Cat			
		Myth	Island Kitty			
Scat Daddy			Ogygian			
	Love Style	Mr. Prospector	Yarn			
		Likeable Style	Raise a Native			
Paulita , dk.b./br.f., 2015			Gold Digger			
	Not For Love	Mr. Prospector	Nijinsky II			
		Dance Number	Personable Lady			
Blind Date			Raise a Native			
	Snit	Fit to Fight	Gold Digger			
		Princess Roberta	Northern Dancer			
			Numbered Account			
			Chieftain			
			Hasty Queen II			
			Roberto			
			Queen Ribot			
			earnings			
17	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		
18 (sw)	unraced	(2)	2	1		
	8					\$130,340 (through Oct. 14)

2018: 1st \$75,000 **William M. Backer S**, 1 mi. (off turf), registered Va.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Aug. 4; \$75,000 **Brookmeade S**, 1½ mi. (off turf), registered Va.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 23.

Bred by William M. Backer Revocable Trust (Va.); owned by Hat Creek Racing; trained by Arnaud Delacour.

Sire: **SCAT DADDY**, dk.b./br., 04 (deceased).

Dam: **BLIND DATE**, b., 01, bred by William M. Backer (Md.). Raced 4 years, 20 starts, 8 wins, 2 to 4, \$370,760, Virginia Oaks-G3, Maryland Million Distaff H, Hilltop S, Hookedonthefeelin S, Pearl Necklace S, All Brandy S, 2nd Maryland Million Oaks, Geisha S, 3rd Maryland Million Lassie S.

13 Nice Try, ch.g. by Giant's Causeway. Raced 3 years, 24 starts, 3 wins at 4 and 5, \$34,655.

14 Buckys Pick, gr./ro.g. by Exchange Rate. Raced 2 years, 15 starts, 1 win at 3, \$61,345. (Kee Sept 15—\$50,000)

15 **PAULITA**, dk.b./br.f. by Scat Daddy. (FTK July 18—\$110,000)

16 Singing Hills, b.f. by Super Saver. Unraced. (Kee Sept 17—\$45,000)

17 b.f. by Into Mischief. (FTS Aug 18—\$295,000)

18 Foal born dead.

RIVER DEEP

Bert Allen Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1½ mi. (off turf), registered Virginia-bred or sired, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Sept. 23.

	Kris S.	Roberto	Hail to Reason			
		Sharp Queen	Bramalea			
Arch			*Princequillo			
	Aurora	Danzig	Bridgework			
		Althea	Northern Dancer			
River Deep , b.c., 2014			Pas de Nom			
	Congaree	Arazi	Alydar			
		Mari's Sheba	Courtly Dee			
River Fancy			Blushing Groom (Fr)			
	Go Baby Go (Ire)	Lion Cavern	Danseur Fabuleux			
		Bequest	Mari's Book			
			Sheba Little (GB)			
			Mr. Prospector			
			Secrettame			
			Sharpen Up (GB)			
			Quest			
			earnings			
16	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		
17	unraced	0	0	0		\$ 240
18 (sw)	7	4	2	1		119,300
	2	(2)	1	0		110,295
	17	6	3	1		\$229,835 (through Sept. 23)

2018: 1st \$75,000 **Hansel S**, 1 mi. (off turf), registered Va.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, Aug. 4; \$75,000 **Bert Allen S**, 1½ mi. (off turf), registered Va.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 23.

Bred by Morgan's Ford Farm and F and F Stable (Va.); owned by Morgan's Ford Farm; trained by Phil Schoenthal.

Sire: **ARCH**, dk.b./br., 95 (deceased).

Dam: **RIVER FANCY**, ch., 06, bred by Morgan's Ford Farm (Va.). Raced 4 years, 35 starts, 12 wins, 2 to 5, \$252,810. (Kee Nov 06—\$90,000)

13 Honeycker, ch.g. by City Zip. Unraced. (Kee Nov 13—\$90,000; Kee Sept 14—\$250,000)

14 **RIVER DEEP**, b.c. by Arch.

15 Ramblingrudyrags, b.g. by Union Rags. Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 1 win at 3, \$13,923. (Kee Jan 16—\$67,000)

16 **RIVER GAL**, b.f. by Blame. Raced 1 year, 3 starts, 1 win at 2, \$49,700, Jamestown S.

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RIVER GAL

Jamestown Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 5½ fur. (off turf), registered Virginia-bred or sired 2-year-olds. Laurel Park, Sept. 28.

		Kris S.	Roberto			
	Arch		Sharp Queen			
		Aurora	Danzig			
Blame			Althea			
	Liable	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector			
		Bound	Con Game			
River Gal , b.f., 2016			Nijinsky II			
	Arazi		Special			
	Congaree		Blushing Groom (Fr)			
		Mari's Sheba	Danseur Fabuleux			
River Fancy			Mari's Book			
	Go Baby Go (Ire)	Lion Cavern	Sheba Little (GB)			
		Bequest	Mr. Prospector			
			Secrettame			
			Sharpen Up (GB)			
			Quest			
			earnings			
18 (sw)	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		
	3	1	0	1		
	(1)					\$49,700 (through Sept. 28)

2018: 1st \$75,000 **Jamestown S**, 5½ fur. (off turf), registered Va.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Laurel, Sept. 28.

Bred and owned by Morgan's Ford Farm (Va.); trained by Phil Schoenthal.

Sire: **BLAME**, b., 06, stands at Claiborne Farm, Paris, Ky.

Dam: **RIVER FANCY**, ch., 06, bred by Morgan's Ford Farm (Va.). Raced 4 years, 35 starts, 12 wins, 2 to 5, \$252,810. (Kee Nov 06—\$90,000)

13 Honeycker, ch.g. by City Zip. Unraced. (Kee Nov 13—\$90,000; Kee Sept 14—\$250,000)

14 **RIVER DEEP**, b.c. by Arch. Raced 3 years, 17 starts, 6 wins at 3 and 4, \$229,835, Hansel S, Bert Allen S.

15 Ramblingrudyrags, b.g. by Union Rags. Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 1 win at 3, \$13,923. (Kee Jan 16—\$67,000)

16 **RIVER GAL**, b.f. by Blame.

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West Virginia-bred

AARON'S TAP

Last Enchantment Stakes

\$35,000-guaranteed, 4½ fur., registered accredited West Virginia-breds, 3 & up. Charles Town, Sept. 22.

		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native			
	Afleet		Gold Digger			
		Polite Lady	Venetian Jester			
Northern Afleet			Friendly Ways			
	Nuryette	Nureyev	Northern Dancer			
		Stellarette	Special			
Aaron's Tap , dk.b./br.g., 2014			Tentam			
	Pleasant Colony		Square Angel			
		Never Knock	His Majesty			
Tapforaly		Dayjur	Sun Colony			
	Aly's Daylite	Beautiful Aly	Stage Door Johnny			
			Never Hula			
			Danzig			
			Gold Beauty			
			Alydar			
			Beautiful Glass			
			earnings			
16	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		
17	unraced	4	1	0		\$ 70,899
18 (sw)	7	(1)	0	2		90,730
	8					
	15	9	1	2		\$161,629 (through Sept. 22)

2017: 2nd **Robert G. Leavitt S**, 2018: 1st \$35,000 **Last Enchantment S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-breds, 3 & up, Charles Town, Sept. 22.

Bred by A & B Bloodstock (W.Va.); owned by Smart Angle LLP; trained by Jeff C. Runco.

Sire: **NORTHERN AFLEET**, b., 93 (deceased).

Dam: TAPFORALY, dk.b./br., 00, bred by Horton Stables Inc. (Ky.). Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$930. (Kee Nov 03—\$3,700)

06 **NAY'S TAP**, b.g. by Northern Afleet. Raced 2 years, 15 starts, 7 wins at 3 and 4, \$275,758, Waterford Park H, Sophomore Sprint Championship S, W.Va. Dash for Cash Breeders Classic S, 2nd Wild and Wonderful S, 3rd Christmas S, It's Only Money S, Springtime H.

07 Flaming Tap, dk.b./br.g. by Mutakddim. Raced 3 years, 9 starts, 1 win at 3, \$27,187.

08 Princess Aly, dk.b./br.f. by Mutakddim. Raced 3 years, 24 starts, 7 wins, 4 to 6, \$139,870. (Kee Jan 12—\$37,000)

11 **Aly's Tap**, b.g. by Northern Afleet. Raced 3 years, 23 starts, 6 wins, 3 to 5, \$125,176, 2nd Coin Collector S.

13 Barren.

14 **AARON'S TAP**, dk.b./br.g. by Northern Afleet.

16 All About Tap, b.g. by Super Ninety Nine. Unraced.

ANNA'S BANDIT

Sadie Hawkins Stakes

\$50,000-added, 7 fur., registered accredited West Virginia-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Charles Town, Sept. 22.

				Gone West		Mr. Prospector	
		Elusive Quality				Secretname	
				Touch of Greatness		Hero's Honor	
Great Notion						Ivory Wand	
				Dayjur		Danzig	
		Evening Primrose				Gold Beauty	
				Water Lily (Fr)		Riverman	
Anna's Bandit, dk.b./br.f., 2014						First Bloom	
				Unbridled		Fappiano	
		No Armistice				Gana Facil	
				Ataentsic		Hold Your Peace	
Onearmedbandit						Mythographer	
				Polish Numbers		Danzig	
		Court Tour				Numbered Account	
				Sum Secret		Devil's Bag	
						Tell Me Sumthing	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings		
16	3	1	1 (1)	1 (1)	\$ 61,800		
17	5	2	1	0	57,330		
18 (sw)	9	4 (3)	1	2 (1)	148,380		
	17	7 (3)	3 (1)	3 (2)	\$267,510 (through Sept. 22)		

2016: 2nd **Debutante S**; 3rd **Astoria S**. 2018: 1st \$75,000 **Conniver S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, March 17; \$35,000 **Down Town Allen S**, 6½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 4 & up, Charles Town, April 21; \$50,000 **Sadie Hawkins S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Charles Town, Sept. 22; 3rd **The Very One S**.

Bred and trained by John J. Robb (W.Va.); owned by No Guts No Glory Farm.
Sire: **GREAT NOTION**, b., 00, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.
Dam: **ONEARMEDBANDIT**, b., 06, bred by David Daniel (Md.). Raced 5 years, 22 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 6, \$304,878, Miss Shenandoah S, 2nd Lady Charles Town S, Inaugural S, Femme Fatale S, Hookedonthefeelin S, 3rd Jameela S. (FTM Sept 07—\$13,500)

14 **ANNA'S BANDIT**, dk.b./br.f. by Great Notion.

15 Gracies Bandit, dk.b./br.f. by During. Raced 2 years, 5 starts, 1 win at 3, \$16,273.

16 Bandits Glory, dk.b./br.c. by Great Notion. Unraced.

17 Slipped.

18 Little Bold Bandit, dk.b./br.c. by Great Notion.

BATTLEGROUND STAR

Rachel's Turn Stakes

\$50,000-added, 4½ fur., registered accredited West Virginia-bred 2-year-old fillies. Charles Town, Sept. 22.

A.P. Indy	Astrology		Seattle Slew		Bold Reasoning	
					My Charmer	
				Weekend Surprise	Secretariat	
					Lassie Dear	
					Fappiano	
		Quiet Eclipse		Quiet American		Demure
	Battleground Star, b.f., 2016			June Gift		Hold Your Peace
						Lady Ridanilustros
				Storm Cat		Storm Bird
					Terlingua	
	Hennessy		Island Kitty		*Hawaii	
	Sudden Desire				T. C. Kitten	
			Kingmambo		Mr. Prospector	
	Menekineko				Miesque	
			Maison Close		Spectacular Bid	
					Magdalena	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
18 (sw)	2	2 (1)	1	0	\$44,430 (through Sept. 22)	

2018: 1st \$50,000 **Rachel's Turn S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Charles Town, Sept. 22.

Bred and owned by Coleswood Farm Inc. (W.Va.); trained by Jeff C. Runco.
Sire: **ASTROLOGY**, b., 08, stands at Acadiana Equine @ Copper Crowne, Opelousas, La.
Dam: **SUDDEN DESIRE**, b., 03, bred by Tim Foreman (Ky.). Raced 4 years, 21 starts, 3 wins at 4 and 5, \$45,960. (Kee Sept 04—\$45,000; Kee Nov 09—\$34,000 in foal to Ready's Image)

10 Gulf Shores, dk.b./br.c. by Ready's Image. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$45,050.

11 Moonlight Run, dk.b./br.f. by El Corredor. Raced 4 years, 34 starts, 7 wins at 3, 4 and 6, \$132,114.

12 Barren.

13 Nile Delta, dk.b./br.f. by Pioneerof the Nile. Raced 1 year, 3 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$7,548.

14 Starlight Flight, b.f. by Astrology. Raced 2 years, 16 starts, 6 wins at 3 and 4, \$105,079.

15 Mackenzie's Star, b.f. by Astrology. Raced 2 years, 9 starts, 1 win at 3, \$36,088.

16 **BATTLEGROUND STAR**, b.f. by Astrology.

17 Taurian, b.c. by Astrology. (FTM Oct 18—\$33,000)

18 Barren.

BURNIN RING O FIRE

Henry Mercer Memorial Stakes

\$50,000-added, 4½ fur., registered accredited West Virginia-bred 2-year-olds. Charles Town, Sept. 22.

Limehouse	Grand Slam		Gone West		Mr. Prospector
			Bright Candles		Secrettame
			Dixieland Band		El Gran Senor
	Dixieland Blues		Blue Jean Baby		Christmas Bonus
					Northern Dancer
Burnin Ring O Fire , b.g., 2016					
Nashi	E Dubai		Mr. Prospector		Raise a Native
			Words of War		Gold Digger
			Storm Cat		Lord At War (Arg)
	Bluster				Right Word
			Morris Code		Storm Bird
				Terlingua	
				Lost Code	
				Unique Millie R.	
				earnings	
18 (sw)	starts 2	1st 2 (1)	2nd 0	3rd 0	\$53,610 (through Sept. 22)

2018: 1st \$50,000 **Henry Mercer Memorial S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 2-year-olds, Charles Town, Sept. 22.

Bred and owned by Ray M. Pennington III (W.Va.); trained by Ollie L. Figgins III.
Sire: **LIMEHOUSE**, ch., 01, stands at O'Sullivan Farms LLC, Charles Town, W.Va.
Dam: **NASHI**, dk.b./br., 08, bred by Hargus Sexton and Sandra Sexton (Ky.). Raced 5 years, 39 starts, 13 wins, 2 to 6, \$252,210. (Kee Sept 09—\$25,000)

15 Zep, ch.g. by Limehouse. Raced 2 years, 15 starts, 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$60,487.

16 **BURNIN RING O FIRE**, b.g. by Limehouse.

17 Virginia Peach, b.f. by Swiss Yodeler.

18 Corkscrew Denis of Cork Feb 26 dk b/ c NS

LATE NIGHT POW WOW

Charles Town Oaks-G3

\$300,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., 3-year-old fillies. Charles Town, Sept. 22.

					Unbridled	Fappiano
					Unbridled's Song	Gana Facil
						Caro (Ire)
					Fiber Sonde	Lucky Spell
						Storm Bird
					Silken Cat	Terlingua
						Chieftain
					Silken Doll	Insilca
					Late Night Pow Wow , dk.b./br.f., 2015	Siberian Express
						Kantado
					Indian Charlie	Leo Castelli
						Political Parfait
					Holy Pow Wow	A.P. Indy
						Preach
					Holy Bridle	Unbridled
						Cahooters
					Eishin Bridle	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		earnings
17	1	1	0	0		\$ 13,680
18 (sw)	7	6 (2)	1 (1)	0		274,970
	8	7 (2)	1 (1)	0		\$288,650 (through Sept. 22)

2018: 1st \$50,000 **Sylvia Bishop Memorial S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Charles Town, Aug. 25; \$300,000 **Charles Town Oaks-G3**, 7 fur., 3-year-old fillies, Charles Town, Sept. 22; 2nd **Its Binn Too Long S**.

Bred by John McKeel (W.Va.); owned and trained by Javier Contreras.
Sire: **FIBER SONDE**, gr./ro., 05, stands at Beau Ridge Farm, Charles Town, W.Va.

Dam: HOLY POW WOW, b., '08, bred by Robert E. Low and Lawana L. Low (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 4 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, \$399. (Kee Jan 13—\$5,000)

14 Indian Sound, dk.b./br.g. by Fiber Sonde. Raced 2 years, 20 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$42,950.

15 **LATE NIGHT POW WOW**, dk.b./br.f. by Fiber Sonde.

16 Barren.

17 Sonde Pow Wow, dk.b./br.c. by Fiber Sonde.

18 dk.b./br.f. by Fiber Sonde.

\$250,000-guaranteed. 6½ fur., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up. Kentucky Downs, Sept. 8.

				Gone West	Mr. Prospector
				Touch of Greatness	Secretname
				Dayjur	Hero's Honor
				Water Lily (Fr)	Ivory Wand
				Green Desert	Danzig
				Celtic Assembly	Gold Beauty
				Vice Regal	Riverman
				Entice	First Bloom
					Danzig
					Foreign Courier
					Secretariat
					Welsh Garden (Ire)
					Bismark
					Kind Regards
					Showoff II
					White Lace
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
			In U.S.	and England	
15 (sw)	5	3 (2)	0	0	\$ 96,718
16	1	0	0	0	4,800
17	4	1	0	2 (2)	59,030
18 (sw)	4	2 (2)	0	1	266,380
	14	6 (4)	0	3 (2)	\$426,928 (through Sept. 8)

2015: 1st \$60,000 **Colleen S**, 5 fur., turf., 2-year-old fillies, Monmouth, Aug. 16; \$75,000 **Selima S**, 5½ fur. (off turf), 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Sept. 12. **2017:** 3rd **Giant's Causeway S**, **Captiva Island S**. **2018:** 1st \$200,000 **Caress S**, 5½ fur., turf, fillies and mares, 4 & up, Saratoga, July 23; \$250,000 **Kentucky Downs Ladies Sprint S-G3**, 6½ fur., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Kentucky, Sept. 8.

Bred and owned by Silverton Hill Farm LLC (W.Va.); trained by Darrin Miller.

Sire: **GREAT NOTION**, b., 00, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Dam: **MODENA BAY (NZ)**, dk.b./br., 98, bred by Mapperley Stud Partnership Syndicate (New Zealand). In U.S. and New Zealand, raced 4 years, 28 starts, 4 wins at 3, 6 and 7, \$120,759, Goldstar Soliloquy S, 2nd Firecracker S, 3rd Ford Two-Year-Old Classic-G3, Lindauer Guineas Trial

07 Wild Pearl, dk.b./br.f. by Kitten's Joy. Raced 3 years, 18 starts, 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$37,561.

08 Loophole, b.g. by Perfect Soul (Ire). Raced 1 year, 9 starts, 2 wins at 4, \$19,550.

09 b.c. by Artie Schiller. Died 2009.

10 Kiwi Notion, dk.b./br.g. by Great Notion. Raced 3 years, 16 starts, 3 wins at 4, \$59,106.

13 **RUBY NOTION**, b.f. by Great Notion.

15 f. by Great Notion.

16 Barren.

17 dk.b./br.f. by Great Notion.

\$50,000-added, 7 fur., registered accredited West Virginia-breds, 3 & up.
Charles Town, Sept. 22.

			Unbridled	Fappiano
			Unbridled's Song	Gana Facil
				Caro (Ire)
			Fiber Sonde	Lucky Spell
				Storm Bird
			Silken Cat	Terlingua
				Chieftain
			Silken Doll	Insilca
				Raise a Native
			Mr. Prospector	Gold Digger
				Northern Dancer
			Dance Number	Numbered Account
				Rambunctious
			Rollicking	Martinetta
				Victoria Park
			Cold Queen	Handmaiden
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd
16 (sw)	5	2 (1)	1	0
17	unraced			
18 (sw)	7	6 (1)	1	0
	12	8 (2)	2	0
				\$ 52,366
				111,160
				\$163,526 (through Sept. 22)

2016: 1st \$75,000 **W.Va. Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders Classic S**, 6½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Charles Town, Oct. 8. **2018:** 1st \$50,000 **Frank Gall Memorial S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-breds, 3 & up, Charles Town, Sept. 22

Bred by Leslie G. Cromer (W.Va.); owned by Grams Racing Stable LLC; trained by Timothy C. Grams.

Sire: **FIBER SONDE**, gr./ro., 05, stands at Beau Ridge Farm, Charles Town, W.Va.

Dam: LOV'EMNRUN, dk.b./br., 01, bred by Barry R. Swartz and Jodi Swartz (Md.). Raced 3 years, 31 starts. 2 wins at 3. \$54,072.

12 Dance for Love, dk.b./br.g. by Peak Dancer. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$23,057.

13 Slipped.

14 **RUNNIN'TOLUVYA**, gr./ro.q. by Fiber Sonde.

15 Slipped.

16 Loving Touch, dk.b./br.g. by Fiber Sonde. Unraced.

18 Barren.

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Return of MATCH Series a positive for Mid-Atlantic Region

BY TOM LAMARRA

It wasn't by design, but the MATCH Series, which returned after being on the shelf for 16 years, produced a sweep of all five divisions by horses based in Maryland.

It also resulted in pari-mutuel handle increases in about 60 percent of the 25 series stakes based on same-race comparisons with 2017, and average field size was slightly ahead of the national average through the end of September. Overall, more than \$400,000 in bonus money provided by horsemen's groups and breeders' organizations will go to owners, trainers and breeders in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The MTHA was a strong supporter of MATCH as was the Maryland Jockey Club, which hosted eight races, four at Pimlico Race Course to kick off the series in the spring and four at Laurel Park in August and September.

Two division winners are based at Pimlico: Adam Staple and Jalin Stable's Page McKenney and Mary Eppler Racing Stable's Oak Bluffs, both 8-year-old geldings. As the trainer of both, Eppler is the only conditioner this year to win two MATCH Series divisions.

Page McKenney competed in the first three legs of his division but was retired with a tendon injury before the fourth leg. Having perhaps the most popular and recognizable horse in the region compete in the return of the MATCH Series certainly attracted added attention.

Sycamore Racing V's Jessica Krupnick, who won a division as well as the overall championship based on points, was based at Fair Hill Training Center with Tres Abbott, as is Audley Farm Stable's Smiling Causeway, trained by Arnaud Delacour. The final division winner, Hillside Equestrian Meadows' Laki, is stabled at Laurel in the Damon Dilodovico barn.

Participants offered positive feedback and also suggestions based on their experi-

ence in the series. And they were perhaps the biggest promotion for the series going forward based on their bonus checks. The winners drove home the importance of participation—a major objective of the MATCH Series—and opened the eyes of more than a few horsemen who didn't jump in this year.

There was one disappointment: Not every division resulted in bonus money for the top three finishers because not enough horses met a three-start threshold per division. There were multiple reasons for that, some of which can't be avoided even with a solid four-month roadmap of stakes for specific divisions.

The only two horses to win two races in a division—Imprimis and Switzerland—didn't qualify for bonus money with only two starts each, but their connections had their sights set on campaigns leading to the Breeders' Cup. Other horses that competed in one or two MATCH Series races ended up winning stakes at Saratoga Race Course. Other horses were put on the shelf at some point during the series.

For the MATCH Series, its return in 2018 was a lot about re-education and creating a foundation to build upon. It certainly accomplished those goals, and a meeting was scheduled for late October among horsemen's groups and racetracks to review the series and decide how to proceed in the future.

MATCH Series creator Alan Foreman, Chairman of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, said the assessment will examine all aspects of the series. Overall, he said the series delivered on many levels and that he hopes there is willingness to help it grow.



It was noted earlier that the Maryland Jockey Club had applied for two more off-track betting licenses, one at MGM National Harbor Casino near Washington,

D.C., and another inside a Clarion hotel and conference center in Frederick. Both licenses were approved by the Maryland Racing Commission after public hearings in September.

The MJC projected the two facilities combined could generate an additional \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million for Thoroughbred purses. The National Harbor outlet opened Sept. 12, while the Frederick OTB parlor, which will have capacity for hundreds of people, is scheduled to open sometime before the end of this year.

Meanwhile, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, a short drive from Frederick, in September opened a sports betting parlor that currently has a large geographic market to itself. Delaware racetracks began offering full-scale sports betting in June, and a few Pennsylvania racetrack casinos have been approved for licenses.

Interestingly, members of the Washington, D.C., City Council have prepared a bill that would authorize sports betting, which would fall under the Office of Chief Financial Officer, as does the district's lottery operation.

Should the bill pass—increasing revenue is the stated objective by council members—Maryland would be almost surrounded by jurisdictions with sports betting. Virginia isn't on board yet, but reports indicate the state General Assembly could consider it; earlier this year lawmakers approved historical racing machines to assist with the planned reopening of Colonial Downs.

Sports betting legislation in Maryland failed to pick up enough steam during the 2018 General Assembly session and, because a constitutional amendment is required for an expansion of gambling, the earliest it could be approved is 2020. A bill that passed the House of Delegates identified racetracks and casinos as potential sports betting licensees. ★

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Small farm, big time

*Hursts find early success
with single broodmare Happy Refrain*

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Hugh and Sallyellen Hurst with their stakes producer Happy Refrain.

At Willow Creek Farm, a “tiny, tiny, little” seven-acre farm a short gallop from Loch Raven Reservoir, and the home of just one broodmare, big things are happening. Sallyellen Hurst and her husband, Hugh, can’t help but

be thrilled by their rare good fortune.

In the Thoroughbred industry, breeders and owners, trainers and jockeys can go decades without finding consistent success. Usually it is the pursuit of those elusive

results that keep participants interested for decades.

“That’s racing!” as many say.

But just outside of Towson, Md., a broodmare named Happy Refrain, by Not For Love out of Sad Refrain, has

given the Hursts something special in the breeding world in Maryland—and beyond.

In three years Happy Refrain has produced three foals. Two are already winners on the racetrack, one of them finished second in a Grade 1, in only her second race; and the third recently sold for the highest price of the three yearlings the Hursts have sold.

Her racing career finished, Happy Refrain came to Willow Creek when her previous owner was forced to cut back his mares and offered Sallyellen a good deal—"with transportation thrown in, because we don't own a horse van"—on the mare she had first noticed about nine months earlier at a Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale in Timonium.

"All I knew about her was that she was by Not For Love, and she was out of a stakes [placed] winner and a half-sister to a couple of stakes horses," says Sallyellen, who approached Happy Refrain's buyer that day and told him if he ever wanted to sell the horse after her racing days, she'd be interested and gave him her phone number.

"I kind of thought she could be useful and it was just at the time Maryland was getting back with the 30-percent owner/breeder bonuses again," she says. "I thought, 'Well, if I can find a mare that might be OK commercially, having a little bit of black type in her pedigree, that maybe we could find something modest to breed her to and I can make a little money selling babies to race here and earn breeder bonuses.'"

It was a good plan.

Since coming to Willow Creek, Happy Refrain has been exactly that. Her first foal Lord of Misrule, a 2015 colt by Any Given Saturday, sold for \$35,000 as a yearling and has won twice. The mare's second foal Brucia La Terra, a 2016 filly by El Padrino, sold for \$20,000 as a yearling and won her debut at Saratoga over the summer. Happy Refrain's most recent offspring, a 2017 filly by Golden Lad, named April Love, sold for \$45,000 in

early October to Tim Ritchey, who trained Preakness winner Afleet Alex.

Happy Refrain's stock may have gone up again after Brucia La Terra finished second in the Grade 1 Frizette Stakes at Belmont Park Oct. 7. Few outside of the 2-year-old's Willow Creek Farm family could have known how well Brucia La Terra, like Happy Refrain, was living up to her name.

"I get accused of overthinking names," says Sallyellen, who enjoys the search for the perfect moniker. "That's actually the title of the music from *The Godfather* movie."

One might wonder how she made the connection.

"The filly's sire is El Padrino, which means godfather," she says. "And her second dam is Sad Refrain. So I Googled *Godfather* music looking for music from the movie, because I've never seen the movie. I learned the love of the title character's life was killed by a car bomb that was meant for him and the song was for her. But the name of the song—Brucia La Terra—came out, and translated from Italian, it means 'Burn the Earth,' which I think it is a kind of cool name for a racehorse."

Especially one who has started just two races. She won the first, a maiden special weight, against rivals costing \$450,000 and \$240,000. The win was impressive enough that trainer Barclay Tagg and owner William Ferrone headed for the Frizette. Brucia La Terra didn't win, but she rallied from last place to do her imitation of scorching the earth and finish second behind the speeding Jaywalk. "Not bad for 14-1," Tagg said.

For the Hursts, it was unbelievable.

"We have been blown away by how blessed we've been [recently], with the sale of the yearling to the 2-year-old running so incredibly well," Sallyellen says.

"She went to Belmont Park for the first time to watch her horse run," says Mike Pons, for whom Sallyellen works at Country Life and Merryland farms in Harford County.

"We're really proud of her and really tickled she got to witness a great performance by a horse she bred."

Pons called such early success by small breeders a long-shot, but added that it's not an accident. The knowledge she has from her years working with bloodstock agent and sales consignor Marshall Silverman and her own research makes Sallyellen the perfect person to get the most out of Happy Refrain.

"The good Lord gave her a little golden hen, but it is a situation where preparation meets opportunity," Pons said. "Unless you have the knowledge she has about breeding lines, that horse could have just sat there," her promise untapped.

"When Sallyellen first came to work for us, she would make suggestions and I would politely listen and move on," Pons says. "But I've come to recognize her knowledge and ability."

Before the Frizette, Sallyellen had said her "pipe dream" was that Brucia La Terra would win and "all of a sudden Happy Refrain is worth a little bit more money than when I got her."

But asked if she would really sell the horse that has been so productive, she admits there has been a discussion going on.

"Hugh and I have been debating whether or not to sell Happy," she says. "At this point, we would like to keep her. As a close friend of mine said, 'Why would you sell the goose that lays the golden eggs?'"

Bitten by the Bug

Sallyellen's introduction to horses came at an early age in pony clubs and then grew more intense in the summer between high school and college, when she started working for the late Mikey Smithwick, a legendary steeplechase jockey and trainer, at his farm near Hydes, Md.

"I lost all interest in college, once I was in the Mikey Smithwick School of Horse Racing," Sallyellen says. "We called it Mikey Smithwick University

... I heard somebody put it the other day: 'Have you been infected with the horse virus?' And the answer is yes—at a very early age."

Eventually, she went to work for Silverman, and became his jack-of-all trades. She learned about showing horses in the sales ring, who the buyers and sellers are, about breeding, about how certain sires can stamp foals, about crossing breeding lines and the possible results, about knowing what she was looking at.

All of it has fascinated her, and she's still on that job 20 years later. A little less than two years ago, she took a job with the Pons family. Since joining them, she has added responsibility, and a short time ago stepped into a position held by recently retired Cheryl Clark, called the farm's Cal Ripken Jr. by Mike Pons.

"I didn't think we could ever replace her," Pons says. "But Sallyellen has stepped in. She takes care of everything—one morning she came in and the night watchman had just left and she found a mare about to foal. She does that for her own horses, has experience and the ability to adapt."

"We love what she brings to the table. Now I listen to her. She puts in her two cents and I'm taking her for a dime. She's good with people, with breeding ideas, she opens the office and she's good with our clients, because of her work with Marshall, she knows the players. She helps us improve."

Doing It All at Willow Creek

Married for 27 years, Sallyellen met Hugh, who knew nothing about horses other than how to bet on one, at a bar/restaurant fittingly called The Barn one night when he was bartending and she was waiting for someone who never showed up.

"That's how we met," she says, a smile in her voice. "I stayed and we ended up chatting."

Now, long married and retired from bartending, Hugh Hurst says he does what he can to help his wife with the horses.

"I give them lunch or breakfast or whatever, while she's out at the sales or something," he says happily. "She's the horse addict and I'm the go-fer. I do what I can for her because it helps out and being with and having horses make her happy."

He also has his own business, "sort of a retirement job," he says. "But I can stay really busy at times," sharpening and repairing various kinds of clippers and blades from home—everything from horse clippers to dog grooming shears, to the tiny scissors oral surgeons use when working on oral implants.

The horses, he admits, are his wife's passion, but then he pauses.

"She started me watching races in 1988, back when we were first dating," he recalls. "She got me interested in it and now I think the only two channels we watch on television are TVG and TVG2... It's amazing what she's gotten me involved in mentally about horse racing. I love it."

Together they do all the work at Willow Creek, the tiny farm Sallyellen's late grandmother, Bettye Littleton, gave them as a wedding present. The land was once part of Riverbank Farm, owned by Sallyellen's great-grandfather.

Her philosophy goes back a long way, too, and you've probably heard it before: "Keep it simple stupid."

"I just try to keep things that way," she says. "My horses are turned out for the most part. I bring them in when the weather's bad. They get handled and they get groomed. We only have one foaling stall. We only have a six-stall barn. The foaling stall has a camera in it. It's a wireless camera. In the middle of the night, if I hear something off the intercom, I can turn on the TV and see what's going on in the stall. I can hear when the mares are ready to drop. The barn is 100 yards from the



house, so as I said, I'm really, really tiny."

Sallyellen and Hugh do everything from mucking out the barn, to caring for Happy Refrain, her 29-year-old barnmate Key Advantage (by Corridor Key), and a companion pony called Applejack.

Occasionally, they also will take in someone else's mare for foaling or another horse for a layup.

And then they do all the prepping of Happy Refrain's babies prior to their being sold.

"We do everything," she says and then lets you know that means more than just brushing their coats before going into the sales ring.

She grooms and rubs them twice a day, "Then they get walked, worked on the lunge lines or long lines. Some farms will use what they call an EuroXciser or free walker... but Willow Creek doesn't have the pocketbook for that" so she walks them in her neighbor Stanley Burton's cornfield.

"It's a minimum of six to eight weeks before the sale that the work starts," she says.

What the Future Holds

As the Hursts look to Happy Refrain's future, Sallyellen says she would like to explore the possibility of "breeding her up" to a higher valued stallion, possibly on a foal share, she says.



Top: Brucia La Terra walks—under the watchful eye of eventual buyer/trainer Barclay Tagg (left)—at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale. Bottom: Sallyellen Hurst helps the Golden Lad filly pose just so at the 2018 sale.

But who that stallion would be, she doesn't know—yet.

"I haven't done any research," she says. "It all depends on the pocketbook. All I do know is that her most ideal matching, Quality Road, I couldn't possibly afford."

The in-demand Kentucky stallion stands at Lane's End Farm for \$150,000.

But there has been so much success with the matings they've come up with, Sallyellen and Hugh Hurst aren't complaining.

Happy Refrain didn't have a baby this year, but is in foal to Divining Rod, who stands at Country Life.

As always with Sallyellen Hurst, it's not by happen-

stance or convenience that she chose the Grade 3 winner. It took time for her to do the research and decide to go with the horse who finished third in the 2015 Preakness Stakes.

"This breeding is very similar to that of Brucia La Terra," she says. "If you look you'll see Divining Rod is by Tapit, whose sire is Pulpit. Brucia La Terra's sire, El Padrino, is by Pulpit, too."

What does she hope for from this pairing?

"We're hoping for another Grade 1 second-place [or better] finisher," she says, laughing. "We're hoping for an elite performer."

No one should bet against her.



MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAPS



Riley's Choice



All Brandy Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1 mi.
(off turf), registered Maryland-bred
or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up.
Laurel Park, Sept. 29.

Ch.f., 2014, by Distorted Humor—
Shared Account, by Pleasantly Perfect.
Bred and owned by Sagamore Farm;
trained by Horacio DePaz. Foaled at
Sagamore Farm, Glyndon, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
13	4 (1)	2 (1)	0	\$171,038
(through Sept. 29)				

2017: 2nd Pearl Necklace S. **2018:** 1st
\$75,000 All Brandy S, 1 mi. (off turf),
registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and
mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 29.

Sagamore Farm's home-
bred 4-year-old filly Riley's
Choice held off favorite
Majestic Reason to win the
\$75,000 All Brandy Sept. 29.
The chestnut daughter of Dis-
torted Humor and Breeders'
Cup Filly and Mare Turf-G1
winner Shared Account led
gate-to-wire in the 1-mile
off-the-turf stakes for Mary-
land-bred or Maryland-sired
fillies and mares, winning by
2¾ lengths in 1:36.56. It was
the Horacio DePaz-trained
filly's fourth win, and first
stakes win, from 13 starts.

Riley's Choice is the sec-
ond foal out of the Pleasantly
Perfect mare Shared Account,
and her first stakes winner.
Purchased by Sagamore Farm
as a yearling for \$170,000 at
Keeneland September in 2007,
Shared Account went on to
earn \$1,649,427, counting
among her six wins two addi-
tional graded stakes—the Lake
Placid-G2 at Saratoga and All
Along-G3 at Colonial Downs.

Shared Account's first foal,
a colt by Bernardini named RJ
Bentley, was unplaced in three
starts. Her 3-year-old daugh-
ter I'm Pretty Strong (by Street
Cry-Ire) is a winner of two of
six starts for Sagamore this
year and was second in Dela-
ware Park's George Rosen-
berger Memorial on the same
afternoon as Riley's Choice's
All Brandy win.

Sagamore sold Shared
Account's yearling filly by
Speightstown, named Shar-
ing, to Eclipse Thoroughbred
Partners for \$350,000 at the
Fasig-Tipton select sale in
Saratoga in August.

Riley's Choice broke her
maiden in frontrunning fash-

ion in her second career start
at 2 going 6 furlongs over
Laurel's main track, and just
missed her first stakes score
when second by a nose in the
Pearl Necklace Stakes at Lau-
rel on the turf in July 2017. She
came into the All Brandy off
a fourth in Laurel's Jameela
Stakes.

Sonny Inspired



Find Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1 mi.
(off turf), registered Maryland-bred or
sired, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Sept. 29.

B.g., 2011, by Artie Schiller—Argen-
tesque, by Silver Deputy. Bred by Mr.
and Mrs. Charles McGinnes; owned by
D Hatman Thoroughbreds; trained by
Phil Schoenthal. Foaled at Thornmar
Farm, Chestertown, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
54	11 (4)	7 (3)	10 (3)	\$610,424
(through Sept. 29)				

2014: 2nd Mister Diz S, Christopher
Elser Memorial S. **2015:** 3rd Mister
Diz S. **2016:** 1st \$75,000 Fire Plug S,
6 fur., 4 & up, Laurel, Jan. 16; \$75,000
Ben's Cat S, 6 fur., registered Md.-
breds, 3 & up, Laurel, March 19; 3rd
General George S-G3. **2017:** 2nd Not
For Love S; 3rd Fire Plug S. **2018:** 1st
\$75,000 Ben's Cat S, 6 fur., turf, regis-
tered Md.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel,
Aug. 18; \$75,000 Find S, 1 mi. (off turf),
registered Md.-bred or sired, 3 & up,
Laurel, Sept. 29.

D Hatman Thorough-
breds' Sonny Inspired found
his stride as he chased
down John Jones to win the
\$75,000 Find Stakes for Mary-
land-bred or Maryland-sired
runners at Laurel Park Sept.
29. Sonny Inspired gained the
lead inside the final sixteenth
and won by a neck, getting
the mile on the main track in
1:35.65. The race had origi-
nally been scheduled for 1¼
miles on the turf.

Trained by Phil Schoenthal,
the 7-year-old gelding won
for the 11th time, fourth in a
stakes, out of 54 starts.

Sonny Inspired was pur-
chased by his owner for
\$20,000 at the 2012 Fasig-Tip-
ton Midlantic fall yearling
sale. He made his first start at
Timonium in September 2013,
placing fifth, and broke his
maiden at Laurel two starts
later. In February 2014 he fin-
ished second in the Christo-
pher Elser Memorial at Parx
Racing. Since then, he's won
the Fire Plug in 2016 and the
Ben's Cat at Laurel Park in
2016 and 2018, and placed in
five other stakes, including a
third in the Grade 3 General
George in 2016.

Sonny Inspired represents
three generations bred by
Charles and Cynthia Mc-
Ginnes' Thornmar Farm and
was one of two stakes winners
that day bred by the couple,
as 2-year-old Come Sundown
(Great Notion—Desiderata)
captured Delaware Park's
First State Dash Stakes.

A son of Breeders' Cup
Mile-G1 winner Artie Schiller,
Sonny Inspired is the first of
five foals out of Silver Deputy
mare Argentesque. Her cur-
rent 2-year-old, a Flatter colt
sold at last year's Keeneland
September sale for \$340,000
now named Final Call, has yet
to start. Her current yearling,
a May colt by Bayern, sold for
\$60,000 at Keeneland Septem-
ber. With no reported foal in
2018, the mare was bred to Vi-
olence this year.





MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS

Knicks Go scores in Grade 1 Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland

Two-year-old colt Knicks Go, a son of Paynter bred by Angie and Sabrina Moore and foaled at their GreenMount Farm in Reisterstown, flew down the Keeneland stretch to capture the Grade 1 Claiborne Breeders' Futurity for his first stakes win Oct. 6. The win earned Knicks Go a ticket to the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1 at Churchill Downs Nov. 2 and also earned him 10 qualifying points for next year's Kentucky Derby-G1.

Trained by Ben Colebrook for KRA Stud Farm, Knicks Go entered off a third in the Arlington-Washington Futurity at Arlington Park. The gray colt launched his career at Ellis Park July 4, winning a 5-furlong maiden special weight by 3½ lengths in :57.96. Jumped up to graded stakes company in the Saratoga's Grade 3 Sanford next out, he finished fifth, but returned to hit the board at Arlington.

Sent off at 70-1 for the Breeders' Futurity, the longest price in the field of 13, Knicks Go set the pace and was never threatened, pulling away to win by 5½ lengths. He completed the 1¼ miles in 1:44.23.

"The horse trains real well here so that's kind of why we took a shot," said Colebrook. "He's always breezed like a good horse. His first race was good and then he never got in a rhythm in his next two."

The colt is out of Maryland-bred stakes winner Kosmo's Buddy, whose five wins included a victory as a 3-year-old against older males in

the Maryland Million Turf Sprint Handicap in 2008, as well as that season's Crank It Up Stakes going short on the turf at Monmouth Park. Kosmo's Buddy also had 12 stakes placings in her 37 starts, and retired with earnings of \$298,095. In her next to last race, the gray daughter of Outflanker and the stakes-placed Allen's Prospect mare Vaulted was claimed by the Moores for \$40,000.

In her final start she finished fourth behind Ben's Cat in the 2010 Maryland Million Turf Sprint.

Kosmo's Buddy is the dam of four foals of racing age, three winners. Knicks Go, sold by his breeders for \$40,000 as a weanling at Keeneland November, and resold as a yearling at Keeneland September for \$87,000, is her richest runner, with \$330,515 in four starts. Found in the family is Grade 1 winner Countus In, and three-time stakes winner Tulindas, half-sisters to Knicks Go's stakes-winning third dam Aube d'Or.

Kosmo's Buddy has since had a 2017 colt by Orb, who was an RNA less than a week before the Breeders' Futurity at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearlings sale and sold privately after, and a 2018 colt by Broken Vow being prepped for Keeneland November. Not bred for 2019, Kosmo's Buddy was also sold privately this past summer. The Moores still own the mare's 5-year-old daughter Pinkprint (by Not For Love) who is in foal to Great Notion.

Come Sundown remains undefeated in First State Dash

Steven T. Newby's Come Sundown held off Smithwick's Spice by a neck to win Delaware Park's \$100,000 First State Dash Stakes for 2-year-olds Sept. 29. The son of Great Notion led throughout the 5½ furlongs and stopped the clock in 1:04.17.

It was the second win in two starts for the Dale Capuano-trained gelding, who broke his maiden at Laurel Park Aug. 18 at 5 furlongs.

Come Sundown was the second stakes winner of the day bred by Charles and Cynthia McGinnes, following Sonny Inspired's win in the Find Stakes at Laurel Park. He descends from one of the McGinneses' most successful broodmares, Muffies Muffin (by Lord Gaylord), purchased by the couple for \$26,000 at age 10 in 1991 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic February mixed sale in foal to Baederwood.

The McGinneses bred four stakes horses out of Muffies Muffin, the best multiple graded stakes winner and \$671,616-earner Wicapi, a son of Waquoit born in 1992. Her stakes-winning daughter Cranberry Muffin is the dam of stakes

winners Target Sighted, All Smiles and Two Punch Gal. The foal Muffies Muffin was carrying when the McGinneses made the purchase was Crying in the Rain, who went on to produce stakes winners Water Cannon and Jet Run.

Come Sundown's dam, the winning During mare Desiderata, is out of Almost Paradise (Allen's Prospect—Muffies Muffin) and is a half-sister to stakes winner Come Fly Away. The McGinneses sold the first five foals out of Desiderata, two of them now stakes winners. Everything Lovely (by Pollard's Vision), winner of the 2017 The Very One Stakes at Pimlico and an earner of \$359,651, was a \$30,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall sales yearling in 2013; four years later Come Sundown sold at the same sale for the same amount to Newby.

Desiderata's current yearling is a son of Bandbox; she produced a filly by Vancouver (Aus) this past April and was bred back to the Darley stallion Astern (Aus), a son of Medaglia d'Oro who stood his first season this year.

Winplaceorshowono repeats in New Castle Stakes

Rickman Racing's 4-year-old Winplaceorshowono defended his title in Delaware Park's \$100,000 New Castle Stakes Sept. 29, leading at every call and holding off Bubba's Will by a half-length.

Sent off as the favorite in the field of eight, the Dale Capuano trained colt covered 6 furlongs in 1:10.76 on the main track. Bred by Cynthia K. Rickman, daughter of the late Delaware Park owner Bill Rickman, the dark bay boasts a record of 9-4-1-3 and earnings of \$204,560.

Following his 2017 New Castle score, he competed in the Maryland Million Sprint, finishing fourth, then concluded his season with a third behind Struth and Lewisfield

in the Howard M. Bender Memorial at Laurel. He didn't get his 2018 season underway until nine months later at Delaware Park when second in allowance company Sept. 12.

A son of former Northview Stallion Station sire Dance With Ravens, Winplaceorshowono is out of the unraced Not For Love mare Love'sclevertrick. Rickman purchased Love'sclevertrick as a yearling out of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall sale for \$35,000. The mare's other winner, the Smarty Jones colt Clever and Smart, won his only start, in 2015. The mare hasn't had a foal since Winplaceorshowono. She was bred to Great Notion this year.

Maryland-breds shine at Keeneland September yearling sale

Led by a \$600,000 Medaglia d'Oro filly out of multiple graded stakes winner Daring Dancer, a total of 16 Maryland-bred yearlings exited the ring as sold at Keeneland's mammoth September Yearling Sale, held Sept. 10-23 in Lexington, Ky. Selling for a combined \$2.3 million, the Maryland-bred average was \$143,813 (the sale's overall average was \$129,331) and median \$82,500 (compared to \$50,000 for the entire sale).

The top-priced filly is a second-generation Sagamore Farm-bred, and the second foal out of Daring Dancer, winner of the Lake George Stakes-G2 and Appalachian Stakes-G3 and Maryland-bred champion 3-year-old filly of 2014.

A daughter of Empire Maker, Daring Dancer is a half-sister to stakes winner and graded stakes-placed Hamp from the

family of Grade/Group 1 winners Ticker Tape (GB), Crowded House (GB), Brando and Reckless Abandon.

The six-figure Maryland-bred yearlings sold at Keeneland September sale (with breeder, consignor and buyer):

\$600,000. Dk.b./br.f., Medaglia d'Oro—Daring Dancer, by Empire Maker; Sagamore Farm; Upson Downs Farm, Agent I; Whitehorse Stables and Bridlewood Farm.

\$340,000. Dk.b./br.f., Street Sense—Win McCool, by Giant's Causeway; Maryland Mare Venture LLC; Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, Agent; Blandford Bloodstock.

\$260,000. Dk.b./br.f., Carpe Diem—Mane Princess, by Mineshaft; Catherine Jennings and Marian Kuhatschek; Gainesway, Agent LVIII; Katsumi Yoshizawa.

\$210,000. B.c., Kitten's Joy—Imagistic, by Deputy Minister; Country Life Farm and Imagistic LLC; Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, Agent; Godolphin Japan.

\$200,000. B.f., Into Mischief—Striking Kathy, by Smart Strike; Timothy J. Rooney; Bedouin Bloodstock, Agent VIII; Lee Lewis.

\$160,000. Dk.b./br.c., Hard Spun—Island Bound, by Speightstown; Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss; Nursery Place, Agent; Ben Glass, Agent.

\$150,000. B.c., Mineshaft—Just Say Goodbye, by Not For Love; Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes; Thornmar, Brookdale Sales, Agent; Cuyath LLC.

\$105,000. Ch.c., First Samurai—Topazio, by More Than Ready; Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes; Thornmar, Brookdale Sales, Agent; Albert Davis.



MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
August 1 to August 31, 2018

Ben's Cat Stakes

August 18. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, registered Maryland-bred or Maryland sired. 6 fur., turf. 8 competed. (Closed with 25 nominations) Winner: SONNY INSPIRED, by Artie Schiller. Breeder bonus: Thornmar Farm (\$6,750). Stallion bonus: None. Second: GRANDIFLORA, by Scipion. Breeder bonus: Richard F. Blue Jr. (\$2,250). Stallion bonus: Scipion Syndicate (\$750). Third: ENGLISH MINISTER, by English Channel. Breeder bonus: Fitzhugh LLC (\$1,125). Stallion bonus: None.

Jameela Stakes

August 18. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, registered Maryland-bred or Maryland sired. 6

fur., turf. 7 competed. (Closed with 27 nominations) Winner: ROCKY POLICY, by Rock Slide. Breeder bonus: Shamrock Farms (\$6,750). Stallion bonus: Shamrock Farms (\$2,250). Second: CRABCAKES, by Great Notion. Breeder bonus: Buckingham Farm (\$2,250). Stallion bonus: Great Notion Syndicate (\$750). Third: MY SISTERSLEDGE, by Etched. Breeder bonus: John Banner and Cheri Banner (\$1,125). Stallion bonus: Bonita Farm Stallion Partnership (\$375).

Miss Disco Stakes

August 18. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-old fillies, registered Maryland-bred or Maryland sired. 6 fur. 8 competed. (Closed with 15 nominations) Winner: MAJESTIC REASON, by Majestic Warrior. Breeder bonus: Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC and El-

len Charles (\$6,750). Stallion bonus: None. Second: ZORALLY, by Wiseman's Ferry. Breeder bonus: Steven T. Newby (\$2,250). Stallion bonus: None. Third: CAUGHT DREAM'N, by Blame. Breeder bonus: Dark Hollow Farm, D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. D. Schwaber and Mr. and Mrs. A. Davidov (\$1,125). Stallion bonus: None.

Star de Naska Stakes

August 18. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds, registered Maryland-bred or Maryland sired. 6 fur. 6 competed. (Closed with 15 nominations) Winner: WHERESETOLDMETOGO, by El Padrino. Breeder bonus: David H. Wade (\$6,750). Stallion bonus: None. Second: ONEMORE-GREATTIME, by Great Notion. Breeder bonus: Clover Hill Farm Inc. (\$2,250). Stallion bonus: Great Notion Syndicate (\$750). Third: NICO BREE N TEEJ, by Freedom Child. Breeder bonus: Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr. and Country Life Farm (\$1,125). Stallion bonus: Freedom Child Syndicate (\$375).

Breeder bonuses

Leo J. Ambrogio—CUT TIME: Aug. 16, 3rd race, \$1,134.
Colin Atkins—SWEETHEARTED: Aug. 24, 3rd race, \$495.
Lorna Baker and Tom Michaels—LAKI: Aug. 12, 8th race, \$9,000.
John Banner and Cheri Banner—MY SISTER-SLEDGE: Aug. 18, 7th race, \$1,125.
Barak Farm—DANCE OR STROLL: Aug. 26, 8th race, \$1,188. HAINTEED: Aug. 5, 1st race,

\$1,701. THREE PHASE: Aug. 9, 7th race, \$1,701. (\$4,590)
Estate of Earl Barnhart—LOVE YOU MUCH: Aug. 10, 8th race, \$1,512.
David Baxter—FREE TO TRUMP: Aug. 16, 4th race, \$3,078.
William Bayne—GRAND RIVER: Aug. 18, 1st race, \$1,089.
Patricia and Richard Beck—PHANTOM SHOT: Aug. 26, 8th race, \$6,156.
Estate of Howard M. Bender—JUST HOWARD: Aug. 9, 9th race, \$7,695. MY OWN LANE: Aug. 17, 9th race, \$5,130. MY PAL JERRY: Aug. 4, 8th race, \$594; Aug. 25, 4th race, \$945. PIZMO TIME: Aug. 10, 9th race, \$1,386. ZEN'S LAND: Aug. 18, 10th race, \$1,575. (\$17,325)
Howard M. Bender Revocable Trust—IRISH ACCESS: Aug. 18, 8th race, \$1,155.
Richard F. Blue Jr.—GRANDIFLORA: Aug. 18, 4th race, \$2,250. HOT FRIESIA: Aug. 12, 9th race, \$1,764. (\$4,014)
Richard F. Blue Sr.—DANIEL LE DEUX: Aug. 18, 5th race, \$1,155.
Richard Bosshard Jr.—TEL AVIV: Aug. 24, 5th race, \$1,155.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—EMMA'SDIAMONDIVA: Aug. 4, 9th race, \$1,890.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman, Rebecca Davis and R.L. Johnson—TO BE HONEST: Aug. 25, 8th race, \$1,134.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—TRI POKER: Aug. 19, 5th race, \$1,089.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Rebecca Davis and R. Larry Johnson—GO MAGICIAN GO: Aug. 5, 3rd race, \$3,933; Aug. 12, 2nd race, \$792. (\$4,725)
Vincent Bracciale—GFOUR: Aug. 2, 7th race, \$924.
Karen Brown and Heather Brown—TILAKA: Aug. 9, 10th race, \$891.
Dorsey Brown and Richard Palmer—TAP THE MOMENT: Aug. 9, 5th race, \$6,840.
Buckingham Farm—CRABCAKES: Aug. 18, 7th race, \$2,250.
Michael P. Cataneo—TO BLAVE: Aug. 9, 8th race, \$924.

James T. Christmas and Brenda Christmas—HUMBOLT STREET: Aug. 26, 3rd race, \$495.

Christine Clagett and Miracle View Farm—GREAT COUNTRY: Aug. 25, 3rd race, \$2,205.

Cloyce C. Clark Jr.—GLORIA'S GAL: Aug. 25, 9th race, \$4,788.

Patricia Clark and Pamela Arnold—PAUL THE WAITER: Aug. 9, 5th race, \$1,320.

Clover Hill Farm Inc.—ONEMOREGREATTIME: Aug. 18, 9th race, \$2,250.

Susan S. Cooney—ELEMENTARY: Aug. 10, 10th race, \$4,617.

Susan S. Cooney and Petra Kappel—PETTI-COATSNIPSTOLS: Aug. 17, 10th race, \$726.

Country Life Farm—Z NATION: Aug. 31, 2nd race, \$396.

Crystal Park Stables Inc.—CAROLINA ICE: Aug. 11, 2nd race, \$4,617.

Mike Dalton LLC—CONJECTURE: Aug. 31, 8th race, \$2,394.

Dark Hollow Farm, D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. D. Schwaber and Mr. and Mrs. A. Davidov—CAUGHT DREAMN: Aug. 5, 7th race, \$2,646; Aug. 18, 6th race, \$1,125. (\$3,771)

David DiPietro—MIDNIGHT CRY: Aug. 24, 6th race, \$495.

Double Deez Stables Inc.—DONNA'S DELIGHT: Aug. 16, 3rd race, \$594.

Dr. Morgan Dove and Karin Wurtemberger—BRIDGEWATER: Aug. 18, 3rd race, \$5,643.

The Elkstone Group LLC—MILA JANE: Aug. 4, 9th race, \$5,130. SAPPHIRE SHILLING: Aug. 3, 2nd race, \$2,646. (\$7,776)

Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—STORMY MAMA: Aug. 19, 2nd race, \$945.

Joan Everett and W. Dale Everett—PARTICIPATE: Aug. 18, 12th race, \$4,275. SHE'S ACHANCE TOO: Aug. 18, 11th race, \$5,985. (\$10,260)

Finn's Nickel, LLC and Copper Penny Stables—COME ON CALLIE: Aug. 24, 7th race, \$2,268.

Mrs. Janon Fisher III—DEAR CHARLOTTE: Aug. 5, 2nd race, \$495; Aug. 26, 2nd race, \$495. (\$990)

Fitzhugh LLC—ANOTHER BROAD: Aug. 2, 4th race, \$2,520. ENGLISH MINISTER: Aug. 18, 4th race, \$1,125. INCLUDE A CHECK: Aug. 18, 12th race, \$1,575. MAGRITTE: Aug. 18, 2nd race, \$1,155. (\$6,375)

Dennis Fosdick—PROUD MAID MARIAN: Aug. 31, 2nd race, \$2,052.

Charles Anthony Frock—BARBSGRAY LION: Aug. 5, 4th race, \$4,617; Aug. 24, 7th race, \$1,188. (\$5,805)

Robert Gamber—STRING BEAN: Aug. 16, 3rd race, \$3,078.

Robert Gerczak—BALTIMORE STREET: Aug. 26, 9th race, \$396. BELTWAY BOB: Aug. 9, 6th race, \$4,104. DIXIE DO GOOD: Aug. 5, 4th race, \$1,296. (\$5,796)

Richard C. Granville—GOOD ROLL: Aug. 18, 8th race, \$2,205.

Heritage Stallions Inc.—DOIT FOR SPITE: Aug. 25, 8th race, \$594. SCARLET TANAGER: Aug. 5, 9th race, \$726. (\$1,320)

Trevor R. Hewick and Joan Hewick—POPLAR AVENUE: Aug. 3, 1st race, \$726.

Holly House Farm—COUSIN JIMMY: Aug. 10, 2nd race, \$1,089.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palumbo—LE WEEKEND: Aug. 2, 6th race, \$5,130.

Michael and Debbie Horning—GIMME KIMMY: Aug. 19, 2nd race, \$495.

Joanna Ingham Trust—I'VE GOTTA PLAN: Aug. 25, 3rd race, \$1,155.

Jackson Residuary QTIP Trust—RENAISSANCE ROSIE: Aug. 31, 8th race, \$6,498.

R. Larry Johnson—A STAR AT LAST: Aug. 25, 1st race, \$2,394. BRING IT ON HOME: Aug. 24, 3rd race, \$2,565. HOLIDAY MAGICIAN: Aug. 19, 7th race, \$3,078. NO MO LADY: Aug. 10, 5th race, \$6,840. OLDIES BUT GOODIES: Aug. 11, 8th race, \$1,386. QUESTIONOFTHE DAY: Aug. 2, 2nd race, \$7,182. SKY MAGICIAN: Aug. 18, 1st race, \$2,079. (\$25,524)

Carol A. Kaye—PHLASH PHELPS: Aug. 3, 7th race, \$1,815. SMOKIN HOT FACTOR: Aug. 19, 10th race, \$1,386. (\$3,201)

Carol Kaye, Jeanne Baker and James Boyce—ROBBIE: Aug. 12, 7th race, \$1,386.

Alan S. Kline and Dove Houghton—FERGIE'S LADY: Aug. 25, 2nd race, \$627.

Dr. Jason L. Layfield and George L. Layfield—DESTRUCTIVE FLO: Aug. 9, 4th race, \$4,617.

Brad and Faith Leatherman—SIPPIN'ONBUBBLES: Aug. 2, 9th race, \$990. SMILE FOR ETERNITY: Aug. 5, 5th race, \$2,835. (\$3,825)

Andrea Lematta—FUSION XCHANGE: Aug. 4, 10th race, \$945.

Fred T. Lewis DVM—OH SO LOVELY: Aug. 17, 10th race, \$3,762.

Richard A. Lewis and Ellen F. Comeau—STILL-SEXYATSIXTY: Aug. 19, 1st race, \$726.

Donna Lockard—FORTHETGREATERGOOD: Aug. 11, 1st race, \$3,762.

Kenneth Lowe Jr.—CHILD'S PLAY: Aug. 25, 2nd race, \$3,249. LITTLE MISS RAELEYN: Aug. 19, 5th race, \$5,643. (\$8,892)

Robert T. Manfuso—WEEKEND DELIGHT: Aug. 18, 3rd race, \$1,089.

Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—NO MORE EXCUSES: Aug. 25, 6th race, \$3,078. NO MORE TALK: Aug. 9, 8th race, \$4,788. SARATOGA BOB: Aug. 18, 2nd race, \$2,205. TUFFY'S WAY: Aug. 19, 5th race, \$2,079. (\$12,150)

Marathon Farms Inc.—WHO U GONNA CALL: Aug. 9, 2nd race, \$6,840.

Mrs. J. W. Y. Martin Jr.—SIP OF SUNSHINE: Aug. 31, 3rd race, \$1,386.

Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr. and Country Life Farm—NICO BREE N TEEJ: Aug. 18, 9th race, \$1,125.

Edwin Merryman—LOUISE: Aug. 3, 9th race, \$726.

Louis Merryman—NO KNOCK RAID: Aug. 18, 10th race, \$4,275.

Louis McLane Merryman and R. Larry Johnson—MAGICIAN'SCALENDAR: Aug. 5, 8th race, \$2,565.

Adrian L. Merton—SUDDEN HOPE: Aug. 5, 3rd race, \$1,449.

Mezza Luna Farm LLC—PEDIR LA LUNA: Aug. 25, 10th race, \$882.

Jennifer "Bird" Mobberley—NO REFUNDS: Aug. 24, 7th race, \$6,156.

Angie Moore—SUPER BUDDY: Aug. 24, 4th race, \$924.

Athol Morgan LLC—DR BOLT: Aug. 10, 7th race, \$1,575. MS. PICADILLY: Aug. 5, 6th race, \$2,565. (\$4,140)

Morgan's Ford Farm—REDEEMED GENTLEMAN: Aug. 12, 1st race, \$3,762.

Edmund T. Mudge IV—BOWSPRIT: Aug. 17, 9th race, \$990. WISE MEN: Aug. 10, 10th race, \$891. (\$1,881)

Nancy Lee Farms—JARVIS STEEL: Aug. 16, 2nd race, \$1,701. NANCY R: Aug. 26, 2nd race, \$2,565. (\$4,266)

Steven T. Newby—ZORALLY: Aug. 18, 6th race, \$2,250.

NonStop Stable and Paul Fowler—BAD ANGLE BURKE: Aug. 4, 8th race, \$1,134.

Northview Stallion Station Inc.—SHIFRA MAGICIAN: Aug. 18, 12th race, \$825.

Lisa Olsen—BRAZEN DANCER: Aug. 11, 7th race, \$1,386.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—TRULY HOT: Aug. 25, 6th race, \$1,134.

Avla Pitts—ICELAKE: Aug. 25, 7th race, \$756.

PTK LLC—VINEYARD: Aug. 25, 3rd race, \$5,985.

Charles J. Reed and Michael Zanella—GHOST AFFAIR: Aug. 31, 5th race, \$3,249.

Timothy J. Rooney—ANGELINAS STAR: Aug. 17, 7th race, \$1,134. MONEY FROMHEAVEN: Aug. 3, 4th race, \$1,320; Aug. 17, 1st race, \$1,320. (\$3,774)

Sagamore Farm LLC—CHUBBY STAR: Aug. 18, 8th race, \$5,985.

Richard Scelfo and Eagle View Farm LLC—PASS A MENTO: Aug. 9, 10th race, \$1,701.

Shamrock Farms—ROCKY POLICY: Aug. 18, 7th race, \$6,750.

Michael Terry Shane—MARGIE'S MONEY: Aug. 18, 11th race, \$1,155.

S. Bruce Smart Jr.—BROTHER SLICK NICK: Aug. 24, 9th race, \$396.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Smith—BAY OF ROCKS: Aug. 9, 7th race, \$891.

Spendthrift Farm LLC—HALL PASS: Aug. 4, 5th race, \$1,320. TOWSON: Aug. 5, 9th race, \$1,386; Aug. 31, 9th race, \$4,617. (\$7,323)

John D. Stuart—BELFOUR: Aug. 16, 7th race, \$7,695.

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—COMFY AND COZY: Aug. 17, 6th race, \$1,320. DADDY'S COZY: Aug. 18, 5th race, \$2,205. FOLLOW THE DOG: Aug. 12, 3rd race, \$2,520. GIRLS LOVE ME: Aug. 3, 2nd race, \$7,182. HAMMERIN AAMER: Aug. 16, 7th race, \$2,835. ROCKINN ON BYE: Aug. 12, 8th race, \$1,500. (\$17,562)

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC and Ellen Charles—MAJESTIC REASON: Aug. 18, 6th race, \$6,750.

Thoroughbred Horse Breeders LLC—TIDY STRIPE: Aug. 3, 9th race, \$1,386.

Thornmar Farm LLC—COME SUNDOWN: Aug. 18, 1st race, \$5,643. EXPEDITED VISION: Aug. 24, 4th race, \$1,764. PETE'S PLAY CALL: Aug. 18, 2nd race, \$5,985. SONNY INSPIRED: Aug. 18, 4th race, \$6,750. (\$20,142)

Thornmar Farm and Colleen Torsney—THAT-WOULDBEGRAND: Aug. 4, 5th race, \$6,840.

Mark Toothaker and Dan White—GREASED-LIGHTNING: Aug. 4, 9th race, \$990.

Donna Tullner and Stephen Glessner—CHEROKEE FIRE: Aug. 31, 4th race, \$945.

Two Legends Farm and Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds—GHOUL'S NIGHT OUT: Aug. 18, 11th race, \$2,205. LOVE'S LEGEND: Aug. 11, 4th race, \$1,512. (\$3,717)

Dr. Walter Nelson Wieser II—NIGHTMARE: Aug. 9, 10th race, \$4,617.

David H. Wade—WHERESETOLDMETOGO: Aug. 18, 9th race, \$6,750.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Wells—TRACY WITH A Y: Aug. 10, 1st race, \$2,520.

Donald Clifford Wilson—JUSTA SCOCH: Aug. 2, 7th race, \$4,788.

Winners Circle Partners VIII—DAYLIGHT AHEAD: Aug. 3, 6th race, \$1,551.

Eric J. Wirth—NOTABLE GAME: Aug. 9, 3rd race, \$495.

Mrs. Frank P. Wright—CANNON'S ROAR: Aug. 16, 1st race, \$759. SARAH'S TREASURE: Aug. 25, 9th race, \$24. (\$1,683)

Lana Wright—BE BACK: Aug. 4, 10th race, \$2,565; Aug. 26, 7th race, \$945. WHYYOUASK: Aug. 19, 8th race, \$1,449. (\$4,959)

Linda Zang—LEWISFIELD: Aug. 12, 8th race, \$3,000.

Stallion bonuses

ADMIRAL ALEX (Glour: Aug. 2, 7th race, \$308): Leon Blusiewicz.

BALTIMORE BOB (Dixie Do Good: Aug. 5, 4th race, \$432): Robert Gerczak.

BANDBOX (Follow the Dog: Aug. 12, 3rd race, \$840): Bandbox Syndicate.

BUFFUM (No Refunds: Aug. 24, 7th race, \$2,052): Buffum Syndicate.

CAL NATION (Tilaka: Aug. 9, 10th race, \$297. Z Nation: Aug. 31, 2nd race, \$132): Cal Nation Syndicate—\$429.

CHEROKEE'S BOY (Dr Bolt: Aug. 10, 7th race, \$525): ZWP Stable.

CUBA (Laki: Aug. 12, 8th race, \$3,000): J&S Stables LLC.

DEPUTY STORM (No Knock Raid: Aug. 18, 10th race, \$1,425): Deputy Storm Syndicate.

DESPITE THE ODDS (Doit for Spite: Aug. 25, 8th race, \$198. Scarlet Tanager: Aug. 5, 9th race, \$242): R. Larry Johnson—\$440.

ETCHED (My Sistersledge: Aug. 18, 7th race, \$375): Bonita Farm Stallion Partnership.

ETERNAL STAR (Sippin'onbubbles: Aug. 2, 9th race, \$330. Smile for Eternity: Aug. 5, 5th race, \$945): Faith Leatherman—\$1,275.

FREEDOM CHILD (Child's Play: Aug. 25, 2nd race, \$1,083. Come On Callie: Aug. 24, 7th race, \$756. Free to Trump: Aug. 16, 4th race, \$1,026. Hall Pass: Aug. 4, 5th race, \$440. Nico Bree N Teej: Aug. 18, 9th race, \$375. Sip of Sunshine: Aug. 31, 3rd race, \$462): Freedom Child Syndicate—\$4,142.

FRIESAN FIRE (Bad Angle Burke: Aug. 4, 8th race, \$378. Cherokee Fire: Aug. 31, 4th race, \$315. Hot Friesia: Aug. 12, 9th race, \$588. Nancy R: Aug. 26, 2nd race, \$855. Oh So Lovely: Aug. 17, 10th race, \$1,254. Saratoga Bob: Aug. 18, 2nd race, \$735. Who U Gonna Call: Aug. 9, 2nd race, \$2,280): Friesan Fire Syndicate—\$6,405.

GIACOMO (Weekend Delight: Aug. 18, 3rd race, \$363): Giacomo Syndicate.

GREAT NOTION (Come Sundown: Aug. 18, 1st race, \$1,881. Conjecture: Aug. 31, 8th race, \$798. Crabcakes: Aug. 18, 7th race, \$750. Elementary: Aug. 10, 10th race, \$1,539. Gloria's Gal: Aug. 25, 9th race, \$1,596. Great Country: Aug. 25, 3rd race, \$735. Le Weekend: Aug. 2, 6th race, \$1,710. Lewisfield: Aug. 12, 8th race, \$1,000. Louise: Aug. 3, 9th race, \$242. Margie's Money: Aug. 18, 11th race, \$385. Notable Game: Aug. 9, 3rd race, \$165. Onemoregreat-time: Aug. 18, 9th race, \$750. Phlash Phelps: Aug. 3, 7th race, \$605): Great Notion Syndicate—\$12,156.

LION HEARTED (Barbsgray Lion: Aug. 5, 4th race, \$1,539; Aug. 24, 7th race, \$396. Stormy Mama: Aug. 19, 2nd race, \$315. Sweethearted: Aug. 24, 3rd race, \$165): Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$2,415.

LOUIS QUATORZE (Daniel Le Deux: Aug. 18, 5th race, \$385. Pedir La Luna: Aug. 25, 10th race, \$294): Louis Quatorze Syndicate—\$679.

NICANOR (Angelinas Star: Aug. 17, 7th race, \$378): Nicanor Syndicate.

NOT FOR LOVE (Be Back: Aug. 4, 10th race, \$855; Aug. 26, 7th race, \$315. Love's Legend: Aug. 11, 4th race, \$504. Love You Much: Aug. 10, 8th race, \$504. No More Excuses: Aug. 25, 6th race, \$1,026. No More Talk: Aug. 9, 8th race, \$1,596): Not For Love Syndicate—\$4,800.

ORIENTATE (Bridgewater: Aug. 18, 3rd race, \$1,881. Cannon's Roar: Aug. 16, 1st race, \$253. Cut Time: Aug. 16, 3rd race, \$378. Whyyouask: Aug. 19, 8th race, \$483): Orientate Syndicate—\$2,995.

OUTFLANKER (Donna's Delight: Aug. 16, 3rd race, \$198): Outflanker Syndicate.

PLAN (I've Gotta Plan: Aug. 25, 3rd race, \$385): Stronach Group LP.

REDEEMED (Cousin Jimmy: Aug. 10, 2nd race, \$363. Dear Charlotte: Aug. 5, 2nd race, \$165; Aug. 26, 2nd race, \$165. Redeemed Gentleman: Aug. 12, 1st race, \$1,254. Robbie: Aug. 12, 7th race, \$462. She's Achance Too: Aug. 18, 11th race, \$1,995): Redeemed Syndicate—\$4,404.

ROCK SLIDE (Rocky Policy: Aug. 18, 7th race, \$2,250): Shamrock Farms.

SCIPION (Forthegreatergood: Aug. 11, 1st race, \$1,254. Grandiflora: Aug. 18, 4th race, \$750): Scipion Syndicate—\$2,004.

STREET MAGICIAN (Bring It On Home: Aug. 24, 3rd race, \$855. Go Magician Go: Aug. 5, 3rd race, \$1,311; Aug. 12, 2nd race, \$264. Magician'scalendar: Aug. 5, 8th race, \$855. Midnight Cry: Aug. 24, 6th race, \$165. Shifra Magician: Aug. 18, 12th race, \$275. Sky Magician: Aug. 18, 1st race, \$693. To Be Honest: Aug. 25, 8th race, \$378. Tracy With a Y: Aug. 10, 1st race, \$840): R. Larry Johnson—\$5,636.

SUPER NINETY NINE (Little Miss Raelyn: Aug. 19, 5th race, \$1,881): Country Life Farm and Spendthrift.

TRITAP (Tri Poker: Aug. 19, 5th race, \$363): Tritap Syndicate.

TWO PUNCH (Humbolt Street: Aug. 26, 3rd race, \$165): Two Punch Syndicate.

UNBRIDLED MATE (Brazen Dancer: Aug. 11, 7th race, \$462): J&S Stables LLC.

Maryland-bred top earners in 2018

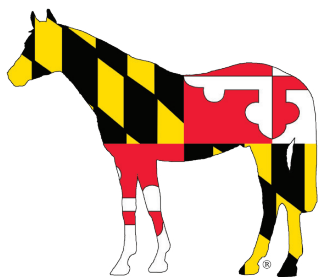
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3. Blamed . . . 208,000	13. Jeezum Jim . . . 119,273
4. I'm Betty G . . . 177,440	14. Our Braintrust . . . 116,640
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6. Belfour . . . 159,777	16. Ghoul's Night Out . . 110,877
7. Renaissance Rosie . . 158,493	17. Goodonehoney . . . 106,953
8. Lewisfield . . . 157,845	18. Dirty . . . 105,030
9. Monte Crista . . . 139,910	19. Clare's Dowery . . . 103,643
10. Mila Jane . . . 128,187	20. Majestic Reason . . . 101,106

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Maryland's leading sires

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Earnings in 2018

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Great Notion	92	456	52	79	\$2,794,938
Friesan Fire	97	581	50	74	2,549,180
Not For Love	67	389	37	52	1,356,089
Orientate	63	378	33	50	1,242,632
Street Magician	57	304	22	39	1,057,312
Redeemed	39	216	18	24	783,136
Petionville	47	273	23	26	649,543
Freedom Child	25	130	13	16	547,334
Lion Hearted	35	187	14	17	463,546
Despite the Odds	22	131	13	20	416,428
Scipion	29	182	7	10	392,892
Louis Quatorze	22	114	9	12	381,874
Outflanker	26	149	10	14	371,661
Rock Slide	22	123	8	10	270,349
Cuba	6	36	3	5	254,680
Buffum	9	36	4	6	222,922

2-year-old earnings in 2018

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Friesan Fire	14	32	3	4	\$284,064
†Tritap	14	37	5	5	199,434
Great Notion	8	18	2	3	189,021
Buffum	3	13	2	3	111,756
Freedom Child	6	20	3	3	106,695
Redeemed	4	11	3	3	80,611
†Bandbox	5	8	2	2	76,703
Street Magician	5	15	1	1	75,781
†Super Ninety Nine	5	12	3	3	67,745
Orientate	4	11	2	2	62,827
Lion Hearted	3	10	1	1	31,915

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	839	18,775	676	2,798	\$78,129,657
Two Punch	938	18,282	733	2,684	55,239,510
Orientate	664	13,322	516	1,956	46,080,930
Petionville	653	14,039	510	1,892	44,396,976
Louis Quatorze	772	14,749	571	1,944	37,627,016
Lion Hearted	506	9,603	386	1,316	29,681,516
Outflanker	430	9,197	322	1,298	28,614,368
Waquoit	484	11,425	368	1,522	26,927,840
Go for Gin	322	6,200	214	731	19,301,974
Great Notion	235	3,346	183	560	17,426,977
Rock Slide	220	3,780	148	419	10,922,646
Friesan Fire	139	1,875	96	243	7,516,193
Scipion	113	2,387	68	269	6,110,397
Mojave Moon	155	3,101	107	339	5,936,161
Gators N Bears	124	1,894	71	232	5,906,660

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	365	1,164	139	186	\$6,956,746
Two Punch	449	1,447	164	207	5,686,112
Orientate	362	1,134	138	180	5,227,126
Petionville	375	1,161	122	151	4,807,027
Louis Quatorze	337	1,042	104	130	3,493,301
Outflanker	223	898	91	122	3,338,876
Lion Hearted	224	727	81	111	3,084,356
Waquoit	204	694	59	84	2,000,531
Great Notion	86	257	33	48	1,920,126
Friesan Fire	78	230	23	26	1,233,581
Rock Slide	93	298	24	35	1,074,340
Scipion	58	236	25	33	1,020,732



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McBurney's New Jersey-breds just keep on rolling

By Bill Finley



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Two months and one day is not a long time in horse racing, but that's all it took for trainer Pat McBurney to win four stakes races with New Jersey-breds, including three in open company. It's among the best runs any trainer has had with Jersey-breds in years.

The latest win came with Liz's Cable Girl in the Sept. 15 \$100,000 Roamin Rachael Stakes at Parx. The Colonial Farm's bred filly by

the late New Jersey sire Cable Boy put in the best performance of her career, winning by 4 lengths over a solid field. McBurney's streak began when he won the Grade 3 Kent Stakes at Delaware Park July 14 with Golden Brown. Next came a win by the 2-year-old Mooji Moo Jr. in the Aug. 8 Tyro, which was followed by Liz's Cable Girl's win in the Eleven North Handicap for Jersey-breds Aug. 26.



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They are McBurney's only four stakes wins on the year.

"I guess I just got lucky that I have a bunch of Jersey-breds that can run and they're all peaking at the right time," McBurney said. "Everything has been working out quite well." Liz's Cable Girl looked like a future star when she began her career by winning a maiden special weight at Parx by 10¾ lengths Nov. 28, 2016. But she came right back at Aqueduct in starter race and was a badly beaten third at 3-5. That repeated a pattern where her form was relatively spotty until recently.

"She didn't make her 2-year-old start until late in November and she ran a five on the Thoro-Graph sheets that day," McBurney said. "But she never surpassed that number during her whole 3-year-old year. That was still her best number. Then in the race when she won the Jersey-bred stakes (the Eleven North) she got down to a two. That was tremendous, the best number of her life."

McBurney believes that Liz's Cable Girl, now 4, just needed some time to grow and mature.

"It's probably just been a natural progression," he said. "She does look bigger and stronger. She's been running this season but also putting on weight and muscle. She's turned into a big, pretty girl."

Another factor could be Jose Ferrer, who is known as one of the best gate riders in the sport. Liz's Cable Girl is riding a four-race winning streak and showing more early speed in her races. Ferrer took over when the streak began, in an August open company allowance at Monmouth.

"His riding style fits her," McBurney said. "Last year, we started working to take her back. Even a length or two was all we could get her back. But now, she almost seems like she's more relaxed than ever coming out of the gate, even though she's been going to the front. Jose has been riding her perfect. He gets that first eighth or quarter under her belt and then uses her speed on the turn to kind of put them away."

Now that his filly has won two stakes, McBurney would like to find a way to add a graded stakes win to her resume. He was taking a look at the Grade 2 Thoroughbred Club of America on Oct. 6 at Keeneland, but worries that might be aiming a little too high.

"I've been looking around for a stakes race and there aren't many sprints left for the girls," he said. "It's probably a reach but there is one at Keeneland. That would probably be tough but I haven't been paying much attention to the graded sprinters and will need to take a look and see what they look like." McBurney instead chose a Parx allowance Oct. 8, which she won easily by 3¼ lengths with Jairo Rendon in the irons.

Liz's Cable Girl is owned by John Cocce, Liz Dodd, Peter Donnelly and Gerard Melley. McBurney said Colonial added Liz's Cable Girl into a package deal as a weanling when the owners purchased Boomerang Miss from Colonial in 2014.

McBurney has been as loyal to the Jersey-bred program as anyone and is always looking to find ones to add to his barn. Golden Brown was bought for \$22,000 at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall yearling sale. Mooji Moo Jr. is a Robert Deckert homebred.

"I train for some breeders and that's where most of my Jersey-breds come from," he said. "Any time I go to Timonium I always look at the index and see if there are any Jersey-breds. Usually, you don't see many in the sales any more. But I'm always keeping an eye out for them. Between Bright View and Colonial, you can usually find some yearlings in the fall that they're willing to sell to you."

Since taking over for John Forbes, McBurney's personal record for number of stakes winners in a year is four, set in 2014. With more than three months to go in 2018 and with both Liz's Cable Girl and Golden Brown in good form, he very well could set a new career high. If so, he'll have the New Jersey breeding program to thank.

New Jersey-breds earn bonus money in MATCH Series

New Jersey-bred Oak Bluffs came out on top in the point standings in the 3-year-old and up turf sprint division in the MATCH series. An 8-year-old by longtime leading New Jersey sire Defrere, Oak Bluffs picked up most of his points when winning the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup at Penn National for trainer Mary Eppler in June. Eppler earned a \$35,000 bonus thanks to Oak Bluffs, \$20,000 for being the owner and \$15,000 for being the trainer.

Patricia Generazio, breeder of Oak Bluffs, will receive a \$5,000 bonus for the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of

New Jersey as the top point-earning New Jersey-bred colt and gelding in the series.

Liz's Cable Girl competed in three MATCH division races and finished up with 18 points. She is the leading New Jersey-bred filly or mare in the series, and thus earned her breeder, Colonial Farms, a \$5,000 bonus from the Thoroughbred Breeders Association of New Jersey.

The filly's owners, John Cocce, Liz Dodd, Peter Donnelly and Gerard Melley, and trainer Pat McBurney will receive \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively, for her second-place finish in the Filly and Mare Sprint—Dirt Division



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Isabelle de Tomaso honored as National Small Breeder of the Year

Isabelle de Tomaso has been named by the Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association (TOBA) as the 2017 National Small Breeder of the Year. Mrs. de Tomaso was honored during TOBA's 33rd Annual National Awards Dinner Sept. 8 at the Woodford Reserve Club at Kroger Field in Lexington.

Horses bred by Isabelle de Tomaso won seven of 28 starts and earned \$1,212,320 in 2017. Among the horses bred were Irish War Cry, winner of the Holy Bull Stakes-G2 and Wood Memorial Stakes-G2 and runner up in the Belmont Stakes-G1. Irish Strait, the older half-brother to Irish War Cry, won the Red Bank Stakes-G3 and finished second in the Monmouth Stakes-G2.

Irish War Cry was honored by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey as champion 3-year-old male and Horse of the Year in 2017. Irish Strait was named champion turf runner. The dam of both champions, Irish Sovereign, was named Broodmare of the Year.



COGLIANESE

Liz's Cable Girl wins Roamin Rachael Stakes

By Tom LaMarra

Liz's Cable Girl needed to start in the Roamin Rachael Stakes at Parx Racing to qualify for MATCH Series bonus money, but she did one better by winning the \$100,000 event for owner John Cocce, Liz Dodd, Peter Donnelly and Gerard Melley and trainer Pat McBurney.

Liz's Cable Girl, a 4-year-old New Jersey-bred filly by Cable Boy, was widest in a four-horse scramble for the lead in the 6-furlong Roamin Rachael but cleared after the first quarter-mile and increased her advantage on the far turn. That gave Jessica Krupnick, who didn't have the best of starts and early in the race was sixth and last, a bit too much to do in the stretch.

Ridden by Jose Ferrer, Liz's Cable Girl won by 4 lengths over Jessica Krupnick and paid \$3.20 to win as the heavy favorite.

Yorkiepool Princess finished third. The time on a track rated fast was 1:11.73.

"Once she got to the front, she kept going," McBurney said of Liz's Cable Girl, who increased her record to 3-for-3 at Parx. "For sure, Jessica Krupnick has been tough – she beat our filly both times she faced her – but we got the jump on her today."

"I'd like to thank Pat for giving me the ride," said Ferrer, who has ridden Liz's Cable Girl to victory in her last three starts. "We had good position on the outside. You don't want to be near the inside fence here because it can be deep."

Liz's Cable Girl was bred by Colonial Farms.



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Valedictorian picks up first open company stakes win

By Bill Finley



JIM MCCUE

Maybe he was being pessimistic, maybe he was being realistic, but when Kelly Breen sent New Jersey-bred Valedictorian to Laurel for the Sept. 22 \$150,000 All Along Stakes on the grass he was not at all confident.

"When we went down there we were keeping our fingers crossed that she would hit board," he said.

He's right about one thing: this was not an easy spot. The field of 11 included several horses capable of running Beyer figures in the 90s. On the turf, Valedictorian had never run better than an 80.

But she picked a good day to run the race of her life and got a big boost from jockey J.D. Acosta, who rode a masterful race. There was virtually no early speed in the race and Valedictorian is more of a stalker type, but Acosta realized she had enough early gas to steal the race. He cleared the field and slowed the fractions down to :23.84 and :48.08. She was 5½ lengths in front at the eighth-pole and began to tire, but by then it was too late. She had opened up enough daylight that she was able to hang on for a 1½-length win.

"For her to run as well as she did we were ecstatic," Breen said. "From a Beyer standpoint, it was the race of her life. She ran an 86. Honestly, I didn't see any signs that she was about to run a race like that. She always trains well, is always a good

horse in the feed tub all over. I didn't see anything different with her."

Valedictorian, who was bred by John Bowers Jr., has now won nine of 21 starts. She had more success on the dirt earlier in her career but has now won three straight grass races, including the Jersey Girl Handicap for Jersey-breds.

"Up until this summer her best race was on the dirt at Philadelphia Park," Breen said.

"Now that she's running better on the turf, maybe it's maturity. I don't know. What makes this horse fun is that she has nine wins from 21 starts. She just likes to win."

Breen isn't sure what will be next for Valedictorian, but his plans include running her back in the Claiming Crown at Gulfstream.

Even though Valedictorian, a daughter of Temple City, will turn 5 next year and is now a winner of an open stakes, her value as a broodmare may never be higher. But Breen said the plan is to have her have a full campaign next year.

She is owned by Epic Racing, an interesting newcomer to the New Jersey racing scene. Epic Racing is the stable name for Harriet Sawyer, a New York City-based artist. Sawyer originally had Valedictorian based in Florida with trainer Michelle Nihei, but realized it would make more sense to send her to a New Jersey-based trainer, and chose Breen.

Sawyer is in the process of building her stable and went to this year's Spring 2-Year-Old Sale at Ocala and bought a Kitten's Joy colt for \$100,000 and an Orb colt for \$185,000. Named Epic Dreamer, the Orb colt ran Sept. 23 in a maiden special weight race at Belmont and was a sharp second in a race that went in 1:08.93. The horse is a Kentucky bred.

"They ran extremely fast in Epic Dreamer's race and we were pleased with way he ran and are hoping for good things from him," Breen said.

"It's always nice to have new blood," Breen added. "It's also nice to have somebody where you start with a clean slate rather than someone who's been with other trainers. I try to keep her as knowledgeable as possible. She came to the sale with me, helped with the selection on horses and was very much part of picking them out. This horse by Orb really caught her eye. She was there to give final thumbs up. I've come to her at a sale and said I really like this horse and she says this one isn't for me. She's someone I'm trying to teach, but it is the owner's money and she has final say. When the hammer fell we were lucky to get that horse."



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President's message

We certainly experienced a September with a most unwelcome visitor, Hurricane Florence. I appreciate Erin, from the Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) for reaching out to our organization offering help to Thoroughbred farms and breeders affected by this relentless storm. The massive flooding caused by four days of heavy rain had governments calling for mandatory evacuations on the coast in advance of land-fall. However, many inland communities' mandatory evacuation orders came during the middle of the hurricane.

Evacuating becomes a tremendous and improbable undertaking when trying to move multiple horses and farm animals, especially in high winds and driving rains. Living in a small town near Wilmington, Joanne Dew, past NCTA president for 12 years, wouldn't leave her animals behind. She and her husband, Sandy, were at home when the water started to rise rapidly and overtake the pastures and barns. They were there to save seven goats and seven cats successfully and swim three horses to safety. Unfortunately, one goat was unable to be rescued and drowned. Joanne's neighbor provided refuge for her animals. Luckily,



JOANNE DEW

Hurricane Florence caused tremendous flooding on Joanne and Sandy Dew's farm, Dogwood Plantation, in September.

the Dews' home was untouched by the water, and they could sleep in their beds after they guided their menagerie to shelter. Well done, Sandy and Joanne. Well done.



It's time to renew your NCTA membership. All memberships expire on Dec. 31. Please renew. With only 40 members, we cannot afford to lose one of you. The association is the only official State organization representing horse racing and Off-

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Congratulations to Clint Lowry, Steve Laymon, William Price, Carrington Price, Nancy Shuford and Michael Stone for their horses visiting the winner's circle recently.

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Boss Man rules as the boss in Entenmann Memorial

By Don Clippinger



Boss Man takes the William Entenmann Memorial Hurdle Stakes at Belmont Park for owners William and Carrington Price.

Carrington Holdings' Boss Man proved the boss of Belmont Park's \$75,000 William Entenmann Memorial Novice Stakes Sept. 20 when he set all the pace and valiantly turned back a challenge from DASH Stable's Ice It to win by a half-length.

Trained by Arch Kingsley Jr., Boss Man was given a boss ride by Michael Mitchell, who put him on the lead at the start of the 2¼-mile Entenmann Memorial and maintained a steady pace with Riverdee Stable's Gibralfaro (Ire) and Rosbrian Farm's Detroit Blues (GB) right behind him.

When Sean McDermott made a modest move on Gibralfaro past the finish line the first time, Mitchell left out a notch and kept Boss Man with a lead of slightly more than a length.

After the final fence on Belmont's backstretch, Mitchell asked Boss Man for his flat speed around Belmont's turn as Gibralfaro faded from the picture.

Ice It, ridden for the first time by reigning champion jockey Darren Nagle, challenged from the outside in the stretch. The Tapit gelding reached Boss Man's saddle but could not get any closer

as Boss Man maintained his advantage through the final strides under firm handling by Mitchell.

Detroit Blues, making his first start in more than two years, finished third, and Robert A. Kinsley's No Wunder (GB) closed ground to finish fourth, a head in front of City Dreamer (Ire).

Sent to the starting gate as the 3.05-1 betting choice a few dollars ahead of No Wunder, Boss Man paid \$8.10 to win after running the Entenmann distance in 4:12.34 on yielding turf.

The victory thrust Boss Man into the battle for the National Steeplechase Association's 2018 championship for novices, or horses in their first seasons of competition over fences. A maiden winner on his home court, the Queen's Cup Steeplechase of co-chairs Carrington and Bill Price outside Charlotte, Boss Man won a Saratoga allowance Aug. 1 and came back in 21 days to run a respectable third in that track's Michael G. Walsh Novice Stakes. He now has earned \$109,500 this year from five hurdle starts.

An 8-year-old by the versatile sire English Channel, Florida-bred Boss Man was bred by the Kinsman Stable of George Steinbrenner, the horse owner and breeder best known as the owner of the New York Yankees and often referred to as "The Boss." Boss Man was foaled approximately five months before Steinbrenner's death on July 13, 2010. He raced for Kinsman Stable until claimed away in March 2015 at Gulfstream Park.

Article courtesy of the National Steeplechase Association

Hitting the Board Aug. 26–Sept. 25, 2018

8/29/18	Tapitontheside	Delaware Park	2	Claiming; 6 furlongs	Bred by Nancy Shuford
9/1/18	Sober on Sunday	Gulfstream Park	3	Claiming; 7 1/2 furlongs; Turf	Bred by Steve Laymon & partners
9/2/18	Catauga County	Monmouth Park	2	Maiden Claiming; 1 1/16 miles; Turf	Bred & owned by Nancy Shuford
9/2/18	Lipstick City	Gulfstream Park	1	Wasted Tears Stakes; 1 1/16 miles; Turf	Owned by Steve Laymon & partners
9/3/18	Triangulate	Parx Racing	1	Claiming; 6 furlongs	Bred by Nancy Shuford
9/7/18	Hot Mesa	Belmont Park	3	Claiming; 7 furlongs	Bred by Elizabeth Houck
9/8/18	Allegheny Dbl Lime	Charles Town	3	Maiden Special Weight; 4 1/2 furlongs	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry
9/8/18	Dionysus's Chalice	Charles Town	2	Allowance; 4 1/2 furlongs	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry
9/13/18	Preacher Grand	Charles Town	3	Maiden Special Weight; 4 1/2 furlongs	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry
9/13/18	Charitable Heart	Charles Town	3	Claiming; 4 1/2 furlongs	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry
9/15/18	Artful Move	Laurel Park	3	Maiden Claiming; 1 mile	Bred by Nancy Shuford
9/15/18	Local Focus	Penn National	3	Maiden Claiming; 1 mile 70 yards	Bred & owned by Nancy Shuford
9/19/18	Tapitontheside	Delaware Park	2	Claiming; 6 furlongs	Bred by Nancy Shuford
9/20/18	Boss Man	Belmont Park	1	W. Entenmann Memorial Stakes; 2 1/4 miles hurdles	Owned by William & Carrington Price
9/20/18	Hot Mesa	Belmont Park	3	Maiden Claiming; 6 1/2 furlongs	Bred by Elizabeth Houck
9/21/18	Keota	Belmont Park	1	Maiden Claiming; 6 furlongs; Turf	Bred by Nancy Shuford
9/22/18	Salinger	Delaware Park	2	Claiming; 6 furlongs	Owned by Ken Orchard - Jet M Stables
9/22/18	Charitable Heart	Charles Town	1	Claiming; 7 furlongs	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry
9/22/18	Kakaban	Camarero	1	Claiming; 6 ½ furlongs	Bred by Nancy Shuford
9/24/18	Rydell	Parx Racing	1	Claiming; 1 mile	Bred by Michael Stone

OTBO Updates September/October 2018

The 2018 Ohio Mixed Sale took place on Oct. 7 at Majestic Farm in Batavia, Ohio. Autumn weather was replaced with a summer sear that came within a degree of the all-time high for that date. Nonetheless, the horses on the grounds handled it well and the facility availed plenty of hoses for cooling baths at various times over the two days the horses were on display.

So many in attendance commented on how well the horses were presented by their consignors, the beauty and functionality of the venue and the quality of the catalogue over the previous year when the sale was revived after a 10-year hiatus.

The sales topper was a bay Cryptolight yearling filly consigned by Breakaway Farm and purchased by David Hicks for \$17,500. Cryptolight was a son of Fantastic Light out of two-time Ohio Horse of the Year Crypto's Redjet. He stood at R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm and was a loss to the Ohio Program when he died in a paddock accident after covering mares for two seasons.

The late Dr. Paul Gutheil, former President of the O.T.B.O., brought Ron DeWolf in as a partner and Crypto's Redjet won four of her 11 starts at 3. Her career really took off as a 4-year-old, capping her six-win year with a victory in the Best of Ohio Distaff and earnings of \$125,605. Things for the daughter of Cryptoclearance would only get better as a 5-year-old when she recorded five stakes victories, including the state's two richest for fillies and mares—the \$75,000 Rose DeBartolo Memorial and \$75,000 Best of Ohio Distaff.

While 82 were catalogued to the sale (including two supplements), there were 27 RNAs. "As strong as the Ohio program is going at the present, no one is giving anything away," said O.T.B.O. ex-



Majestic Farm was host to the 2018 Ohio Mixed Sale held Oct. 7.

ecutive director John Engelhardt. "There is too much upside and several of the breeders told me they were going to partner up with those bidding on their horse or race them themselves. Some with weanlings said they will see how they fill out and grow and may well be back next year. We are only in our second year of the sale business and it is going in the right direction."

Dr. George Sikora D.V.M. of Mapleton Farm brought and sold four homebreds by his stallions Cowtown Cat and Mobil. "I'm pleased to get them in good hands, one of the top trainers in the Midwest took home one of my best. I sell a few privately off the farm, keep some to race and now I root for all of them as the Ohio Breeders Awards program has been very good for me."

Duncan Farms brought in one weanling and five yearlings, each of them ac-

credited breds by Ohio stallions, and they all went to new homes. "I've got to feel good about the barns they are going to," said Darryl Duncan, who operates the Warsaw, Ohio, operation with his wife Sally. "The buyers were no strangers to stakes competition—Mark Doering, Gary Patrick, Jim Rankin, Michael Evans and Rodney Faulkner all know how to get a horse ready to go to the races."

OTBO 2018 Mixed Sale reports 46 head sold for a gross \$161,100, for an average price of \$3,502, compared with a \$2,610 average for 60 that grossed \$156,600 a year ago. This year's median price was \$2,600 and the 27 that went unsold from 73 offered represented an RNA rate of 37 percent.

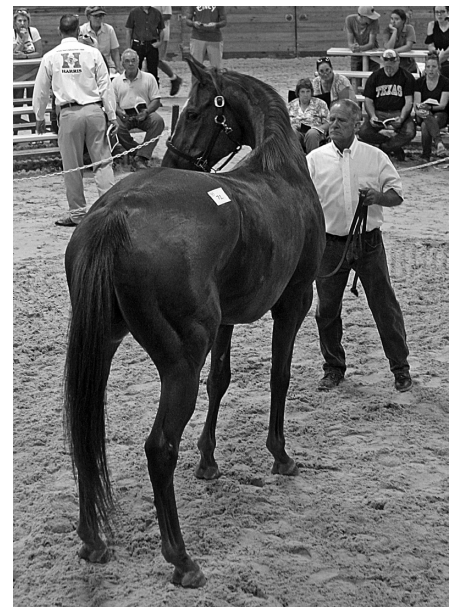
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Bruce Ryan leading 3-year-old filly Pegasus Cross (by Fusaichi Pegasus).



Cross Traffic weanling filly consigned by Winings Thoroughbreds.



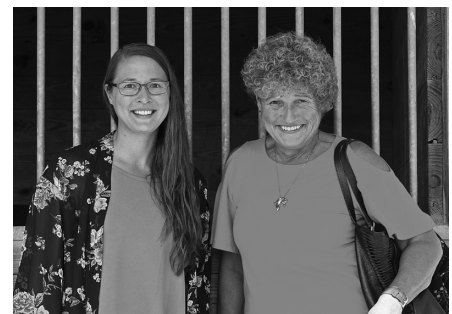
Ringman Doug Haehn with Great Day – a half-sister to millionaire Rivers Run Deep.



Trainers Joe Poole and Michael Lauer.



Sally and Darryl Duncan promoted their new stallion Corfu at the sale.



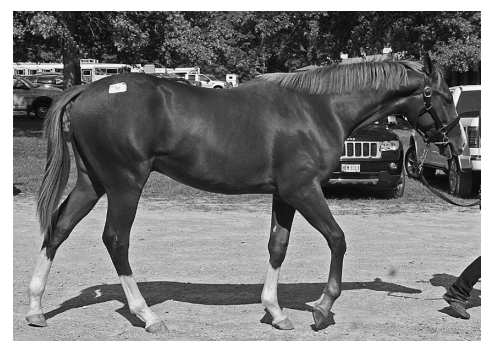
Katie and Suzie Retterer were ticket runners.



John Bourke grazes one of his mares.



Robert Gorham inspects a yearling from Dr. George Sikora's Mapleton Farm.



Half-brother to multiple stakes winner Missap (\$193,868) by Ohio stallion Indy Wind.

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Educating the future at PA Day At the Races

by Ashley Eisenbeil



4-H members with jockey Mychel Sanchez in the winner's circle.

Pennsylvania Thoroughbred stakeholders are invested in educating others on the nuances of the equine industry. They are committed to the future of the industry and giving the next generation opportunities to learn about the possibilities a career working with these majestic animals has to offer.

At PA Day At the Races, held on Sept. 1 at Parx Racing, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA) showcased the best Pennsylvania Thoroughbreds to 4-H members from across the state. The event was coordinated by The State Horse Racing Commission and Pennsylvania Horse Racing Association (PHRA) in conjunction with Parx Racing, PHBA, Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA), Turning for Home, and other industry professionals. It included a tour of the backside of Parx, presentations from industry professionals, and the thrill of watching a live

race named for 4-H. It concluded with a group picture taken with the winning jockey!

This was the first event of its kind at Parx Racing, and 4-H members responded with enthusiasm. Available spots were filled within 24 hours, and there was a waitlist for additional members interested in attending. The day began with an introduction and warm welcome from the Pennsylvania Horse Breeder Association's Executive Secretary Brian Sanfratello and PHRA Marketing Director Ashley Eisenbeil. The 4-H's Andrea Kocher was also on hand and expressed how special an opportunity like this was, "The youth have a chance to learn about the equine industry as well as the Thoroughbred aspect of the industry, so this is a very unique experience."

From there the attendees got to learn all about Parx Racing's Turning for Home from Program Administrator Danielle Montgom-

Educating the future at PA Day at the Races *continued from page 1*

ery. Turning for Home, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which has provided over 2,300 retired racehorses with a safe environment. The program, created by Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and the PTHA, has revolutionized the model for horseracing retirement. The PTHA had the foresight to recognize the need within the industry to care for retired racehorses who would have otherwise faced an uncertain future. The 4-H members learned that being part of the horseracing industry means caring for their own, and ensuring the safety of these amazing animals before, during, and after their racing careers.

Kate DeMasi, first female Parx Hall of Fame trainer and member of the PTHA board, was on hand to educate 4-H youth on the organization and ways that the Pennsylvania horseracing industry is committed to caring for all of their Thoroughbreds. Dr. Tom Lurito provided an educational demonstration of how racehorses are microchipped and explained, "Eventually all of our horses will be microchipped, help-

ing us to identify them in the paddock and coming in and out of the track". Not only does microchipping aid in tracking horses while at a race, but it also helps in cases of disease outbreaks by allowing veterinarians to quickly identify any horses that were in attendance at an event, thus allowing for quicker treatment.

Continuing on the theme of horse safety, farrier John Homa gave a demonstration and explanation on the need for properly-fitted horseshoes. As he stated, a very popular expression on the track is "no feet, no horse. Similar to humans, if a horse can't walk well, then it can't run well. Therefore, it is crucial that horses are properly fitted for shoes to maintain their health and safety on the track."

Veterinarian Dr. Art Stitzer from Thoroughbred Veterinary Services was also on hand to give the 4-H members information on the role a vet plays in the safety and welfare of the Thoroughbreds throughout their lives.

After the morning events, the members were given an amazing opportunity to attend a presentation by Parx Hall of Fame jockey Tony Black, where he discussed his career and the equipment used by jockeys. Black's 48-year career includes 5,209 wins from an incredible 33,954 rides. Meeting this inspiring jockey was a highlight of the day as he is a legend in the horseracing industry with a highly celebrated career.

The event concluded with the 4-H members watching a thrilling live race and having a group photo taken with jockey Mychel J. Sanchez. After all the excitement of the day the members and their families were free to enjoy the rest of the race day at Parx Racing.

The goal of this event was to give an inside look at what happens on the backstretch and educate 4-H members to hopefully start growing the industry with future trainers, jockeys, veterinarians and owners. Judging by the success at PA Day At the Races, the future looks bright.

A few words from the Executive Secretary

Congrats to James Bryant and Linda Davis, who received a \$5,000 bonus from the PHBA for being the breeders of Page McKenney, the top PA-Bred male in the just-completed MATCH Series. The recently retired millionaire won the 3-Year-Old & Up Long – Dirt Division by competing in

three events. MATCH was a big success in 2018. Get your horse ready for 2019!

As we come to the last two months of the year it's time to showcase our PA-Bred 2-year-olds. The Blue Mountain Juvenile for the fillies will be held on Nov. 21 at Penn National and the Pennsylvania Nursery for the boys is scheduled for Dec. 1. One of the great things about this business is that you never know what's going to happen with the new crops. Can't wait to see them run.

More fantastic news! The just-released Jockey Club Live Foal Report

showed Pennsylvania having a 29 percent increase in live foals in 2018, the largest rise in the top 10 states. Pennsylvania is the best state to breed and race! Get a piece of the action!



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JOIN THE PHBA

Whether you are currently a breeder or an owner, or if you are just considering getting involved in this exciting industry, there are many reasons to join the PHBA. The PHBA is devoted to those involved in Pennsylvania's Thoroughbred breeding industry. A not-for-profit organization founded in 1948, we provide a number of services to members, including informational assistance, educational opportunities and a variety of social events.

The goal of the organization is to advocate on behalf of the state's breeding industry. We are mandated by statute as administrator of the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund program, and as official registrar of the Pennsylvania-Bred roster of eligible program participants.

Working with industry leaders over the years, PHBA has achieved several goals that have brought reform and benefits to breeders, owners, racetracks and the public. The PHBA is vital to everyone involved in breeding throughout Pennsylvania. Your support and participation can help Pennsylvania's breeding industry continue to grow and prosper.

2018 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.
Proposed 2018 schedule—dates and conditions for all the PA-Bred Stakes are subject to change.
Please contact the Racing Offices for the most current schedules.

Sat., April 28	\$100,000 Lyman S , 3 & up, 7 fur.
Parx	1st-Grasshoppin, 2nd-Driven to Compete, 3rd-Red Razzo
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
	1st-Power of Snunner, 2nd-Trace of Grace, 3rd-Formal Class
Sat., June 2	\$100,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Penn	1st-Imphy, 2nd-Great Soul, 3rd-Advert
	\$100,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur.
	1st-Smooth B, 2nd-Midnight Poker, 3rd-Tudox Expectations
	\$100,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
	1st-Bronx Beauty, 2nd-Smokinpaddylasie, 3rd-Dixie Serenade
Sun., July 8	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi.
PID	1st-Beyond Smart, 2nd-Fast and Accurate, 3rd-Bern' James Bern
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
	1st-Rose Tree, 2nd-War Baby, 3rd-Imphy
Sat., July 21	\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	1st-Sweet Bye and Bye, 2nd-Smooth B, 3rd-Wait for It
	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
	1st-Fielder, 2nd-Spartianos, 3rd-Hollywood Talent
Sat., Aug. 4,	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Penn	1st-Someday Jones, 2nd-Saratoga Jack, 3rd-Monongahela
Sun., Aug. 5,	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.
PID	1st-Shamrock Rose, 2nd-Stardoza, 3rd-Peppy
Sat., Sept. 1	\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur.
Parx	1st-The Man, 2nd-Pop Keenan, 3rd-Midtowncharlybrown
PA Day At Races	\$100,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	1st-Grasshoppin, 2nd-Prince of Hempt, 3rd-Ruby Bleu
	\$100,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., off turf
	1st-She's Chubs, 2nd-Charlybrown's Rose, 3rd-Pink Princess
	\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur.
	1st-Zipper's Hero, 2nd-Risque's Diamond, 3rd-Item
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., off turf
	1st-Rose Tree, 2nd-Imphy, 3rd-Miss Avalon
Sun., Sept. 2,	\$100,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
PID	1st-Delta Express, 2nd-Amy Farah Fowler, 3rd-Jump for Alex
Sun., Sept. 16,	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
PID	1st-Amy Farah Fowler, 3rd-Amandasromeo, 3rd-Pemaquid Sally
Sat., Sept. 22,	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	1st-Fast and Accurate, 2nd-Bern' James Bern, 3rd-Threehtwocassie
Sat., Oct. 6	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Parx	1st-Imphy, 2nd-Disco Rose, 3rd-Trace of Grace
Wed., Nov. 21,	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Penn	
Sat., Dec. 1,	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, colts & geldings, 7 fur.
Parx	

Total: \$2,750,000

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018, rounded to dollars)

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	220,583	103,207	323,790	Thomas G. McClay	116,301	0	116,301
Glenn E. Brok LLC	188,609	63,327	251,936	Godstone Farm LP	104,342	6,854	111,196
William J. Solomon VMD	87,545	112,949	200,494	Xanthus Farms Inc.	94,658	4,730	99,388
Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	152,240	39,066	191,306	Pewter Stable	84,610	8,364	92,974
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	190,670	190,670	Shirley A. Lojeski	83,851	920	84,771
Blackstone Farm LLC	164,478	0	164,478	Henry R. Nothhaft	51,671	26,415	78,085
Donald L. Brown Jr.	126,844	32,697	159,541	Sylmar Farm Inc.	75,182	0	75,182
St. Omer's Farm	142,155	0	142,155	SMD Ltd. LLC	72,339	0	72,339
Barlar LLC	120,248	20,150	140,399	Ashwell Stables Inc.	70,810	0	70,810
Michael W. Jester	93,609	42,851	136,459	Richard Simoff	66,994	0	66,994
Patricia L. Chapman	77,758	48,799	126,557	Michael R. Cox	66,833	0	66,833
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	118,146	0	118,146	Charles A. Cuprill	48,593	11,413	60,006

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

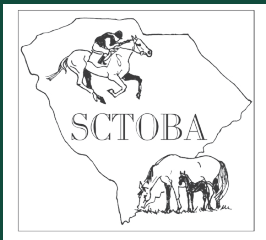
Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	320	121,630	El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	52	22,033
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	173	103,207	Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	78	20,999
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	165	48,799	E Dubai	Barlar LLC	77	20,150
Uptowncharlybrown	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	38	39,066	Activist	Judith M. Barrett	42	18,576
Petionville	Everest Stables Inc.	127	38,606	Got the Last Laugh	Glenn E. Brok LLC	43	18,249
Any Given Saturday	William J. Solomon VMD	131	37,674	Offlee Wild	William J. Solomon VMD	79	17,671
Cat Thief	Michael W. Jester	82	35,474	Ecclesiastic	Walmac Stud Management LLC	57	15,413
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	123	33,859	More Smoke	William J. Solomon VMD	11	14,351
Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	74	32,697	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	61	12,071
Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	94	26,415	Flashy Bull	James E. Hess	29	11,901
Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	68	24,272	Cozar	Glenn S. Wismer Racing Stables Inc.	43	11,547
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	116	24,078	Rockport Harbor	William J. Solomon VMD	52	11,224

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Restricted	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Owner Bonus	Total
Smooth B *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	5	0	80,000	57,519	14,380	5,828	157,727
Fielder	Sidney's Candy - Karakorum Fugitive	Henry R. Nothhaft	7	0	60,000	39,367	0	24,388	123,755
Imphy *	E Dubai - Allude	Barlar LLC	2	0	71,000	35,500	8,875	0	115,375
Someday Jones *	Smarty Jones - Last Toots	Patricia L. Chapman	2	0	60,000	35,488	8,872	3,920	108,280
Smokin Nitro *	More Smoke - Keep Your Day Job	Michael R. Cox	6	0	0	59,088	14,184	33,840	107,112
Grasshoppin *	Cat Thief - Sweetheart Sami	Michael W. Jester	3	0	69,000	30,000	7,500	0	106,500
Dixie Serenade *	Uptowncharlybrown - Moonlight Serenade	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	5	0	11,000	49,900	12,475	26,000	99,375
Power of Snunner *	Power by Far - Snunner	James M. Courtney	1	0	60,000	30,000	7,500	0	97,500
Pink Princess *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	7	0	0	47,712	11,928	34,080	93,720
Beyond Smart	Smart Strike - Beyond the Waves	George Strawbridge Jr.	5	0	60,000	21,922	0	10,168	92,090
Ruby Bleu *	Messner - Ruby Soul	Donald L. Brown Jr.	9	0	0	51,872	12,968	26,880	91,720
Sweet Bye and Bye	Sky Mesa - Twiggles	Joseph Imbesi	4	0	60,000	26,522	0	0	86,522
Risque's Diamond *	Weigelia - Diamonds No More	St. Omer's Farm	7	0	0	43,893	10,973	31,352	86,218
Bronx Beauty	Liaison - Forever Sunshine	Blackstone Farm LLC	2	0	60,000	24,000	0	0	84,000
Brazilian Symphony *	Fairbanks - Brazilian Bliss	Estate of Joseph W. Holman Jr.	5	0	0	37,167	9,292	26,548	73,007
Rose Tree	Harlan's Holiday - Amusing	Rodman W. Moorhead III	1	0	60,000	12,000	0	0	72,000
Shamrock Rose	First Dude - Slew's Quality	Best A Luck Farm LLC	1	0	60,000	12,000	0	0	72,000
Miss Avalon *	Jump Start - Dune Drive Avalon	SMD Ltd. LLC	5	0	0	36,579	9,145	26,128	71,852
Ignite *	Jump Start - Perverse	Barlar LLC	10	0	0	37,251	9,313	23,968	70,532
Tactical Plan *	Cat Thief - Perfect Plan	Michael W. Jester	4	0	0	35,375	8,844	25,268	69,487
Midnight Poker *	Smarty Jones - Halo Hollie	Four Bucks Racing	3	0	20,000	28,736	7,184	11,040	66,960
Charlybrown's Rose *	Uptowncharlybrown - Ambling Rose	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	6	0	0	37,170	9,292	19,864	66,326
Checkbouncin Billy *	Rimrod - Monette	Richard Simoff	7	0	0	35,952	8,988	18,480	63,420
Little Siete *	Doubles Partner - Estaprimo	Glenn E. Brok LLC	8	0	3,000	33,090	6,867	16,344	59,301

*Denotes PA-sired



South Carolina

Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2018

Racing Across the Nation

Graduates of South Carolina farms and training centers had a very productive period between Aug. 20 and Sept. 20, capturing 11 stakes.

On Aug. 20, the Kirkwood Stables graduate Hit It Once More captured the Genesee Valley Breeders' Stakes at Finger Lakes. The 5-year-old New York-bred quickly took the lead and the field followed him around the track as he crossed the finish line 3 lengths in front.

Party Like Grandma also led gate-to-wire in the Seeking the Ante at Saratoga Aug. 24. The 2-year-old New York-bred filly learned her early lessons from Travis Durr at the Webb Carroll Training Center. Pressed throughout the 6½ furlongs, Party Like Grandma hit the wire a 1¼-length winner.

Another Durr student, champion Abel Tasman, proved best in Saratoga's Grade 1 Personal Ensign Aug. 25. This was her second Grade 1 win in a row, having captured the Ogden Phipps at Belmont in June. In a hard fought duel with Elate, Abel Tasman would not be denied, winning by a neck and bringing her career total earnings to nearly \$2.8 million.

Promises Fulfilled is another who broke on top and never looked back when taking the Grade 1 H. Allen

Jerkens at Saratoga Aug. 25. Promises Fulfilled fought off several challenges before winning by 1¼ lengths. He learned his early lessons at the Ellore Training Center owned and operated by Franklin "Goree" Smith.

Amatteroftime picked Aug. 26 to be the right time to best his opposition in the New Jersey Breeders Handicap at Monmouth Park. This Webb Carroll Training Center pupil got up in the shadow of the wire to win by a neck.

Jane Dunn, owner and operator of Holly Hill, put Tapit's son Synchrony through her breaking program. The 5-year-old came from off the pace to capture his second stakes win in a row in the Red Bank Stakes-G3 at Monmouth Park Sept. 1. Over 7 lengths back early on, he advanced up the inside rail and barreled his way to a 1½ length victory.

That same afternoon, the Cary Frommer former trainee Henley's Joy pressed the leader throughout in the Kentucky Downs Juvenile. In a long drive through the stretch he prevailed by a neck to go to 2-for-2 lifetime.

Proper Discretion, who came up through Travis Durr's program, showed why he deserved to be favored in the Scarlet and Gray Handicap at Thistledown Sept. 1. While in a relaxed

controlled mode, he quickly sprinted clear and led throughout, reaching the wire a length in front.

On Sept. 9, another Webb Carroll Training Center graduate, Gamble's Ghost, trailed the field for the opening 6 furlongs in the Belle Mahone Stakes at Woodbine. Coming six wide into the stretch she did not make the lead until just before the wire, winning by a head.

Ace of Aces, who came up through Goree Smith's program at the Ellore Training Center, was much the best in the Hillsdale Stakes at Indiana Grand Sept. 12. In a stakes restricted to Indiana-bred 2 year-olds, he stalked the leader early before taking over with a half-mile to go and romping home 4 lengths in front.

Decorated Soldier continued to show his love for a synthetic surface, proving best in the Presque Isle Mile Sept. 16. Under the care of Brad Stauffer and Ron Stevens' Legacy Stable in Aiken during the breaking process, this gelding has now captured four races in five starts over a synthetic surface—the last two being stakes races. In the Presque Isle Mile, he was closest to the leader before taking control at the sixteenth pole and proving best by three-quarters of a length over 10 rivals.

South Carolina-trained winners

Horse	Training Center	Date	Track	Type of Race
DECORATED SOLDIER	Aiken - Legacy Stable	9/16/18	Presque Isle Downs	Presque Isle Mile S
Honeymoon Cruise	Shuler Stables	9/16/18	Mountaineer	Allowance
She's a Gypsy	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/16/18	Churchill Downs	Allowance
Starling's Law	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	9/16/18	Mountaineer	Claiming
Grand River	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/15/18	Laurel Park	Maiden special weight
North Atlantic	Shuler Stables	9/15/18	Charles Town	Allowance
Northern Wind	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/15/18	Delaware Park	Maiden special weight
Aikenetta	Aiken - Legacy Stable	9/14/18	Belmont Park	Starter allowance
Iain'tnosizetwo	Rentz Farms	9/14/18	Penn National	Allowance
Just a Smidge	Wes Carter Training Center	9/14/18	Los Alamitos	Allowance
Mackenzie's Star	Shuler Stables	9/14/18	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
Unbridled Class	Ellore Training Center	9/14/18	Indiana Grand	Allowance
Flirty	Aiken - Legacy Stable	9/13/18	Presque Isle Downs	Allowance

South Carolina-trained winners (continued)

Hembree	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/13/18	Kentucky Downs	Allowance
ACE OF ACES	Elloree Training Center	9/12/18	Indiana Grand	Hillsdale S
Factress	Aiken - Cary Frommer	9/12/18	Remington Park	Maiden special weight
Shakethenickelbush	Aiken - Rebekah Hammond	9/12/18	Mountaineer	Allowance
GAMBLE'S GHOST	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/9/18	Woodbine	Belle Mahone S
Victory Chimes	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	9/9/18	Laurel Park	Allowance
Amelia Bedelia	Shuler Stables	9/8/18	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
ARKLOW	Elloree Training Center	9/8/18	Kentucky Downs	Kentucky Turf Cup S-G3
Something Joyful	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/8/18	Belmont Park	Maiden special weight
Tough Irma	Aiken - Cary Frommer	9/8/18	Remington Park	Allowance
Frittata	McCutchen Training Center	9/7/18	Indiana Grand	Maiden special weight
Risque's Treasure	Rentz Farms	9/7/18	Penn National	Maiden special weight
Dr Blarney	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/6/18	Delaware Park	Allowance
Not Fake News	Webb Carroll Training Center	9/6/18	Penn National	Allowance
Via Leone	Shuler Stables	9/6/18	Charles Town	Allowance
Built That Way	Rentz Farms	9/5/18	Penn National	Starter allowance
Sneaky Cowgirl	Rentz Farms	9/1/18	Penn National	Claiming
Dance Rhythms	Elloree Training Center	8/31/18	Ellis Park	Allowance
Aizhai	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/29/18	Presque Isle Downs	Maiden special weight
Whiskey Run	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/29/18	Saratoga	Maiden special weight
Shareholder Value	Elloree Training Center	8/28/18	Indiana Grand	Claiming
Mr Grey (Fr)	Kirkwood Stables	8/27/18	Presque Isle Downs	Starter allowance
Winter Union	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/27/18	Saratoga	Maiden special weight
AMATTEROFTIME	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/26/18	Monmouth Park	New Jersey Breeders H
Regally Irish	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/26/18	Monmouth Park	Maiden special weight
Shoobiedoobydoo	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/26/18	Parx Racing	Maiden special weight
ABEL TASMAN	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/25/18	Saratoga	Personal Ensign S-G1
Eisenstaedt	Aiken - Cary Frommer	8/25/18	Ellis Park	Allowance
Gloria's Gal	McCutchen Training Center	8/25/18	Timonium	Claiming
Honorable Treasure	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/25/18	Saratoga	Allowance
Lime Crush	Shuler Stables	8/25/18	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
PROMISES FULFILLED	Elloree Training Center	8/25/18	Saratoga	H. Allen Jerkens S-G1
Put a Hex On My Ex	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/25/18	Belterra Park	Allowance
Vineyard	McCutchen Training Center	8/25/18	Timonium	Maiden special weight
Marquee Miss	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/24/18	Indiana Grand	Allowance
PARTY LIKE GRANDMA	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/24/18	Saratoga	Seeking the Ante S
She's a Gypsy	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/24/18	Ellis Park	Allowance
Because of Susan	Rentz Farms	8/22/18	Finger Lakes	Maiden special weight
Passporttovictory	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	8/22/18	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Much Class	Aiken - Cary Frommer	8/21/18	Louisiana Downs	Allowance
HIT IT ONCE MORE	Kirkwood Stables	8/20/18	Finger Lakes	Genesee Valley Breeders' S
DECORATED SOLDIER	Aiken - Legacy Stable	8/12/18	Woodbine	Seagram Cup S-G3
Alter Rhythm	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/11/18	Monmouth Park	Maiden special weight
CARRICK	Elloree Training Center	8/11/18	Arlington Park	Secretariat S-G1
SUE'S FORTUNE	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/11/18	Saratoga	Adirondack S-G2
Lady Joan	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	8/10/18	Saratoga	Allowance
GOODBYE BROCKLEY	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	8/9/18	Saratoga	New York Stallion Series S
Just Howard	Elloree Training Center	8/9/18	Laurel Park	Allowance
Mr Grey (Fr)	Kirkwood Stables	8/9/18	Presque Isle Downs	Starter allowance
Silver Dagger	Elloree Training Center	8/9/18	Delaware Park	Claiming
Swellegent	Elloree Training Center	8/9/18	Monmouth Park	Handicap
Hartel	Aiken - Cary Frommer	8/8/18	Del Mar	Maiden special weight
Lohengrin Two	Rentz Farms	8/8/18	Finger Lakes	Maiden special weight
Sundance Joy	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/8/18	Finger Lakes	Maiden special weight
Jaguar Poz	Rentz Farms	8/7/18	Thistledown	Allowance
Unbridled Class	Elloree Training Center	8/7/18	Indiana Grand	Maiden special weight
ARKLOW	Elloree Training Center	8/5/18	Ellis Park	KY Downs Prev. Turf Cup S
I'M BETTY G	Kirkwood Stables	8/5/18	Ellis Park	KY Downs Prev. Ladies Turf
REALM	Kirkwood Stables	8/5/18	Saratoga	Alydar S
Battleground Star	Shuler Stables	8/4/18	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
Dial Operator	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/4/18	Monmouth Park	Allowance
MR FREEZE	Elloree Training Center	8/4/18	Mountaineer	West Virginia Derby-G3
Sneaky Cowgirl	Rentz Farms	8/3/18	Penn National	Claiming
Miss Samurai	Rentz Farms	8/2/18	Penn National	Claiming
Partisan Divide	Elloree Training Center	8/2/18	Laurel Park	Maiden special weight
Timeless Curls	Webb Carroll Training Center	8/2/18	Laurel Park	Maiden special weight
Boss Man	Arch Kingsley	8/1/18	Saratoga	Allowance
Fightin Phil	Rentz Farms	8/1/18	Presque Isle Downs	Maiden special weight



VIRGINIA

Series of Stakes And Maiden Races For Virginia-Bred, Sired And Certified Horses At Laurel Park Concludes



Wayne & Susie Chatfield-Taylor are smiling in the winners circle at Laurel after River Gal's Stakes win. Photo by Jim McCue.



River Gal captured the Jamestown Stakes for 2-year-olds September 29th at Laurel. Photo by Jim McCue.

When River Gal captured the \$75,000 Jamestown Stakes for two-year-olds on September 28th, it marked the conclusion of the 2018 Virginia-bred and sired series of stakes and maiden races that were held at Maryland's Laurel Park this summer. The string of races, originally all scheduled for turf, saw many held over the dirt track due to soggy conditions on the final two Commonwealth Day programs.

In the Jamestown Stakes finale, Morgan's Ford Farm's bay filly River Gal prevailed by two and one-half lengths over betting choice Ready To Run. Jockey Angel Cruz directed the victory for trainer Phil Schoenthal in a field of seven. The race, originally scheduled for turf, was contested at 5 1/2 furlongs on dirt and was authored in 1:05.43. River Gal took the lead from Ready to Run in the turn, opened up at the top of the stretch and cruised home. The winner is by Blame out of River Fancy by Congaree.

The rest of the Jamestown field (horse/breeder) finished in this order: Ready to Run (Susan Cooney), Tolaga Bay (Archibald J. Kingsley), Perfect Exchange (Unjin Jenkins), Bear Trappe (Greg Compton), Drosselmoon (Quest Realty) and Payneful (Quest Realty).

The star of the series was Altamura,

who collected four wins beginning with a maiden special weight score on June 15th. The three-year-old Artie Schiller filly went on to collect victories in the Tyson Gilpin, Camptown and Oakley Stakes. The first two were turf wins and the latter pair were on dirt. Bred by the Chance Farm in Gordonsville, Altamura is out of the Jump Start mare, Delta Weekend. With four wins from six lifetime starts, she has bankrolled \$157,400. After her first two series wins, she was sold and went from the John Stephens barn to Wayne Catalano's.

Other multiple stakes winners in the series were River Deep and Paulita. The former connected in both the Bert Allen and Hansel Stakes while the latter scored in the Brookmeade and William Backer Stakes. River Deep is a Phil Schoenthal trainee who was bred by Morgan's Ford Farm & F and F Stable. The four-year-old colt is by Arch out of River Fancy by Congaree. He also competed in the Edward Evans Stakes in June and finished fourth. River Deep has bankrolled \$229,835 from 17 starts and six wins.

Paulita is a three-year-old Scat Daddy filly who was bred by the William Backer Revocable Estate. Fittingly, she prevailed in the stakes named after her breeder. The Arnaud Delacour trainee is owned by Hat Creek Racing and is out of the

Not For Love mare, Blind Date. Her 2018 campaign includes a trio of wins, two runner-ups and a bankroll of \$136,580. She did not race a two-year-old.

The Backer Trust also connected earlier in the series when Holiday Hopes dominated August 2nd by 8 1/2 lengths in maiden special weight race. Breeders Jim Fitzgerald and Katie Fitzgerald also had two wins in the series. Their three-year-old Into Mischief colt, Elusive Mischief, captured the Punch Line Stakes on September 23rd and Vincent Van Gogo won a maiden special weight sprint on August 2nd.

Other Virginia breeders who collected series wins were Canyon Lake Thoroughbreds (Sticksstatelydude), Althea Richards (Determined Vision), Mr. & Mrs. Bertram Firestone (Armoire) and Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin (Homespun Hero). A pair of two-year-old maiden special weight races open to Virginia-bred, sired and certified horses were also part of the summer series. Maryland-bred No Mo Lady and West Virginia-bred Burnin Ring O Fire each won a division on August 10th. The former was bred by Larry Johnson and spent her residency at Legacy Farm in Bluemont while the latter was bred by Ray Pennington and spent his time in Virginia at Ashland's Eagle Point Farm.



Altamura won the Tyson Gilpin Stakes at Laurel in an exciting photo finish.
Photo by Jim McCue.

Owner And Trainer Awards For Virginia-Bred Series In Maryland Announced

All owners and trainers who participated in the 2018 Virginia-bred series in Maryland were automatically entered into a new \$40,000 bonus reward program. Over the course of the summer events, participants accumulated points in separate owner and trainer categories based on where their horses finished in each race. The final standings are noted below with respective bonus monies earned along with accumulated points. \$20,000 was dedicated for the trainers division and the same amount for an owners division. Points were tallied in the following manner: 5 for a first place finish, 4 for a second, 3 for a third, 2 for a fourth and 1 for every starter below fourth place.

Trainer-

- Susan Cooney -36 pts- \$10,000
- Phil Schonenthal - 31 Pts- \$4,000
- Arnaud Delacour- 28 pts- \$3,000
- Mike Trombetta- 13 pts- \$2,000
- Hugh McMahon- 12 pts - \$1,000

Owner:

- Morgan's Ford Farm- 18 pts- \$7,000
- Mr. & Mrs. Bertram Firestone- 18 pts - \$7,000
- Quest Realty- 17 pts - \$3,000
- Larry Johnson- 13 pts - \$2,000
- Andrew & Becky Lavin- 12 Pts - \$1,000

Richest Horse In Harness Racing History Earns Win Number 104 In Virginia

Harness racing fans that attended the September 29th program in Woodstock, Virginia had a chance to see a superstar horse compete, and got the opportunity to have a picture taken with the equine great at a post-race "Meet and Greet" session.

Foiled Again, the richest horse in harness racing history, faced four other pacers in a \$10,000 Invitational witnessed by a record crowd at Shenandoah Downs. The 14-year-old did not disappoint as he won his 104th career race that day and pushed his career bankroll even closer to the \$7.6 million mark.

The elite Dragon Again gelding left from outside post five and after settling into third initially, came outside of Highland Helion before the quarter, took control and went on to a convincing five length triumph in 1:54 3/5.

Driver Chris Shaw was not surprised by how the race unfolded or the eventual result. "It went exactly as I thought it would go," said Shaw. "Once everything settled in after the start, I figured we'd go to the front and bring it from that point. He did it all on his own," Shaw added about opening up in the stretch. "He knows what to do. He's just a war horse — the best in racing."

The Shenandoah Downs season, operated by the Virginia Equine Alliance, concluded its twelve day meet on October 14th.



Foiled Again returns to the winners circle at Shenandoah Downs after winning his 104th race. Photo by Darrell Wood.

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West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association Annual Horse Show 2018

This year's West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association Annual Horse Show was a collaborative effort with the Breeders Classics and, as customary, held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Sunday, Sept. 2, at noon, participants gathered to exhibit their broodmares, weanlings and yearlings. Prize money was accordingly apportioned via the knowledgeable eye of judge Timothy Tullock Jr.

Tim was born and raised in Great Barrington, Mass., but like many of our avid readers makes the Mid-Atlantic region his permanent home.

He and wife, Jillian, the Maryland Jockey Club's Assistant Racing Secretary, are blessed with twin 7-year-old girls (Sofia Leigh and Tessa Jayne), who carried out the official role of ribbon runners for the afternoon's festivities.

Tim is a full-time morning outrider at Laurel Park, but trades his work clothes in for more suitable attire in his latest role as MJC on-air racing analyst.

Tullock, a multiple graded stakes winning trainer, frequently draws on his diverse background in the Thoroughbred industry for his current employment.

He fondly recalls Sensibly Chic, "as the best horse I had." The hard-hitting mare bankrolled over \$500,000 while under



Grand Champion Young Horse was O'Sullivan Farms Golden Years filly out of Runaway Brae.

his care, including a win in the Grade 2 Vagrancy Handicap at Belmont Park.

Fans of Charles Town Races and Slots, particularly supporters of leading conditioner Jeff Runco, are familiar with Gattopardo, a stakes winner trained by Tullock, whose offspring now frequently visit the popular tourist destination winner's circle.

Morning clouds gave way to bright sunshine making showtime conditions sultry.

Our Ringmaster was the unmistakable high profile horseman, Ronney W. Brown.

Sponsors for the event were: Charles Town HBPA, O'Sullivan Farms, Taylor Mountain Farm, Germania Farm's Gattopardo, Javier Contreras Racing Stable, Takaro Farm, DMC Racing Stables, Longshot Farm, Clarke Equine Wellness & Performance, Coleswood Farm, Clearbrook Feed & Supply, One Sparrow Farm, Ronney Brown Racing Stable, Feagaville Flea Market, Chester Stables,

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Their kindness and generosity helped make the program a successful venture.

Behind the scenes Diana McClure, affectionately referred to as 'Run-DMC' handled the bulk of the organizational chores. She was capably assisted by WVTBA president John Funkhouser, Cindy Curtis, Linda Conn, Denis Finger and the team of Mark and Mary Sell.

Through the years, we've had a sapient collection of judges, with each bringing their respective brand of skills.

Mr. Tullock handled the ring with confidence and precision. It was especially refreshing to hear his closing remarks following the results of each class. The teacher-to-student soliloquy drew praise from those in attendance and made the outcome a more personalized experience.

Results:

Class 1. Broodmares. Open to broodmares (barren or in foal) meeting the current ownership or residency requirements for the West Virginia Thoroughbred Development Fund.



First Place: **Marietta's Charm**

Owner: DMC Stables
Sire: Wolfhound Dam: Charmante

Second Place: **Runaway Brae**

Owner: O'Sullivan Farms
Sire: Yarrow Brae Dam: No Time Left

Third Place: **Little Miss Nora**

Owner: DMC Stables
Sire: Purge Dam: Quick Courtship

Fourth Place: **Aye a Song**

Owner: John McKee
Sire: Fiber Sonde Dam: Aye Robbin
Five-year-old Aye a Song was led into the ring by longtime West Virginia owner, trainer and breeder, Cynthia O'Bannon. The multiple stakes-winning daughter of Fiber Sonde looked fit enough to be considered for a return to competition. During her brief career, Aye a Song captured the Rachel's Turn, West Virginia Triple Crown Nutrition Breeders Classic, West Virginia Futurity and Eleanor Casey Memorial.

Fifth Place: **Atlantic Rainbow**

Owner: O'Sullivan Farms Sire: Stormy Atlantic
Dam: Rainbow's Classic

Class 2. West Virginia-Bred or Sired Foals of 2018 – Fillies. May be at mare's side or weaned

First Place: Unnamed **out of Runaway Brae**
Owner: O'Sullivan Farms Sire: Golden Years

Second Place: **Gattolotta Sparkle**
Owner: DMC Stables & Germania Farm
Sire: Gattopardo Dam: Marietta's Charm

Third Place: Unnamed **out of Julie B Mine**
Owner: O'Sullivan Farms & Hunter Town Farm
Sire: Creative Cause

Class 3. West Virginia-Bred or Sired Foals of 2018 – Colts. May be at mare's side or weaned

First Place: Unnamed **out of Julie B**
Owner: O'Sullivan Farms Sire: First Samurai
Julie B has long been one of the true standout fillies and mares in West Virginia. A winner of 15 races out of 33 starts, the daughter of Eastover Court reigned supreme over her counterparts, amassing \$890,030. She was a two-time winner of the esteemed WVBC Cavada Stakes.

Second Place: **Gattolove Ju Ju**
Owner: DMC Stables & Germania Farm
Sire: Gattopardo Dam: Little Miss Nora

Third Place: Unnamed **out of Pardon My Excess**
Owner: O'Sullivan Farms & Hunter Town Farm
Sire: Golden Years

West Virginia-Bred Foals of 2018

Championship. Open to the First and Second-Place winners in Classes 2 & 3

Champion: Filly **out of Runaway Brae**
Owner: O'Sullivan Farms Sire: Golden Years

Reserve Champion: Colt **out of Julie B**
Owner: O'Sullivan Farms Sire: First Samurai

Class 4. West Virginia-Bred or Sired Yearling Fillies



First Place: **Tempi Passati**
Owner: Germania Farm
Sire: Gattopardo Dam: Glitterati

Second Place: **Ani Winehouse**
Owner: O'Sullivan Farms
Sire: Limehouse Dam: Ani's Ari

Third Place: Unnamed **out of Splendiferous Moon**
Owner: Hunter Town Farm
Sire: Creative Cause

Fourth Place: **Real Fancy Pants**

Owner: Robert Laster
Sire: Real Estate Dam: Sandy's Mystique

Class 5. West Virginia-Bred or Sired Yearling Colts

First Place: Unnamed **out of Littlemissgogo**
Owner: Hunter Town Farm
Sire: Creative Cause

Second Place: Unnamed **out of Pink Gloss**
Owner: Joseph Conroy Sire: Limehouse

Third Place: **Cesar Augusto**
Owner: Germania Farm
Sire: Gattopardo Dam: Via Aurelia

West Virginia-Bred Yearling Championship

Open to the First and Second-Place winners in Classes 4 & 5

Champion: Colt **out of Littlemissgogo**
Owner: Hunter Town Farm
Sire: Creative Cause

Reserve Champion: **Tempi Passati (filly)**
Owner: Germania Farm
Sire: Gattopardo Dam: Glitterati
Mike Ueltzen (Germania Farm) feels "Gattopardo is a prolific sire of top-class racehorses. The best is yet to come."

Eleanor Casey Memorial Trophy

West Virginia-Bred or Sired Young Horse Grand Championship

Open to the First and Second-Place winners in Classes 2, 3, 4 and 5

Grand Champion: 2018 Filly **out of Runaway Brae**
Owner: O'Sullivan Farms
Sire: Golden Years
Rodney Jenkins said, "This filly is following in the footsteps of her father. Golden Years was one of the grandest yearlings I ever saw."

Mrs Charles, owner of Golden Years, said: "I was just as pleased with Golden Years' performance as a racehorse, as I am to see him produce the Grand Champion of the WVTBA horse show in his first crop."

Reserve Grand Champion:
Yearling colt **out of Littlemissgogo**
Owner: Hunter Town Farm
Sire: Creative Cause

News & Notes:

The West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at Charles Washington Hall.

Please call the office at 304-728-6868 for updates or information.

NOTES TO MEMBERS

◆ **The 10-10-10 program** is now called the **Supplemental Purse Award Claim**, for which there are new forms. All claims must be submitted to the WV Racing Commission within 15 days from the date the purse is awarded. Claim forms are available on the WV Racing Commission website, racing.wv.gov.

◆ If you are selling or planning to sell your accredited WV-bred and/or sired horse, please contact the WVTBA. The WVTBA has started supplying sellers of **accredited WV-bred and/or sired horses** with **hip stickers and stall-card stickers** to make it easier for buyers to identify these horses. Contact the WVTBA office at (304) 728-6868 or by e-mail at wvbreeders@gmail.com.

◆ **WV Certificates** will be issued seven to 10 days after the WVTBA receives the original registration form application, all required paperwork and payment.

◆ The new WVTBA office is located at 110 South George Street, Suite 4, Charles Town, WV 25414. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. More information may be found at www.wvtba.net.

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NSA season heads for finish line with four November race meets

The mornings have grown misty and chilly, sure signs that another season of National Steeplechase Association racing is nearing a conclusion. But plenty of action remains on the NSA calendar for November, with race meets that could have a bearing on year-end championships.

The month begins with a triple header on the weekend of Nov. 3 and 4.

The Montpelier Hunt Races in Virginia will be run on Saturday, Nov. 3, for the 84th time on the grounds of Montpelier, the restored home of President James Madison and his wife, Dolley.

Montpelier, one of the last race courses to maintain natural brush fences, will stage the \$40,000 Noel Laing over its brush course. The 2 1/2-mile Noel Laing is a handicap, with weights determined by an expert evaluation of each horse's racing record.

The race honors the stable jockey of former Montpelier owner Marion duPont Scott. Born in Doncaster, England, of Irish parents, Laing died in 1936.

Also on the program is the \$25,000 Montpelier Cup for fillies and mares at 2 3/8 miles.

The 34th Steeplechase at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga., kicks off at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, with a program highlighted by the \$75,000 Aflac Supreme Hurdle for novices, or horses in their first seasons of racing over fences.

Last year, Zanjabeel won his first race for new owners Rosbrian Farm and Wendy and Ben Griswold in the 2 1/4-mile Aflac Supreme Hurdle and capped a breakout season for new trainer Ricky Hendriks. In his U.S. debut, Zanjabeel had won Far Hills Races' Foxbrook Champion Hurdle for his former owners and Irish trainer Gordon Elliott.



Irv Naylor's Ebanour scored his second straight win in the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup last November, both times with Darren Nagle in the saddle for trainer Cyril Murphy.

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Going into this year's Far Hills meet, Zanjabeel topped the 2018 standings by earnings after victories in the Calvin Houghland Iroquois (Gr. 1) and the Lonesome Glory Handicap (Gr. 1), while Hendriks led the NSA trainer standings by wins and earnings.

The Callaway meet also will feature the \$30,000 Crown Royal, a Sport of Kings maiden hurdle.

The following day, the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup will be run for the 84th time in Unionville

on Sunday, Nov. 4. The four-mile timber classic carries a \$40,000 purse this year and often attracts leading contenders for the timber championship.

Steeplechase racing returns to South Carolina on Sunday, Nov. 11, for the Steeplechase at Charleston at Stono Ferry as the curtain comes down on the 2018 NSA season. The season-ending meet in the Charleston area will feature a \$30,000 ratings handicap for horses with NSA ratings of 125 and lower and a \$25,000 hurdle race for three-year-olds.



Go Jump Racing!





NSA TV goes on the air, providing high-definition video of fall meets

NSA TV, the National Steeplechase Association's entry into high-definition television broadcasting, made its ground-breaking debut at two September race meets, and the innovation was an immediate hit with online viewers.

Headed by Steve Hankin with front-line assistance from Piper Klemm, NSA TV kicked off under difficult conditions at the High Hope Steeplechase on Sept. 23, after several inches of rain fell on the Lexington region.

Despite the adverse weather conditions, the high-definition video worked well, delivering top-quality images to the High Hope stewards. The video, archived on the NSA website www.nationalsteeplechase.com, captured the wet conditions on the Kentucky Horse Park course.

High Hope officials, in particular Director of Racing Michelle Primm, received high praise from the stewards for their course preparations. Despite the adverse conditions, the High Hope races "were run as scheduled without significant incident. Careful course preparation was evident during the course walk the day before the races," Senior Steward Gregg Morris wrote in his report.

NSA TV traveled to Maryland the following Saturday, Sept. 29, for the 18th annual Shawan Downs race meet in Hunt Valley.

Shawan provided streaming video of the seven-race program that was available from the Shawan Downs and NSA websites. The Shawan broadcast provided a glimpse of high-def video's potential. Until now, the high-def signals and live streaming had been available only for the Far Hills Races and the Iroquois Steeplechase.

In addition to broadcasting the races, the Shawan show featured commentary by Megan Connolly and color commentary by Kevin Tobin.



Doc Cebu, continuing the defense of his 2017 timber-racing championship, drew clear to a 3 1/2-length victory in the \$25,000 Brown Advisory Legacy Chase, the featured race of the 18th annual Shawan Downs meet on Sept. 29. Hadden Frost was in the saddle for trainer Jack Fisher.

DOUGLAS LEES PHOTO

Klemm went on-camera to provide interviews with key sponsors of the event and other notable race participants.

"We are very encouraged by the efforts of Steve Hankin's team to provide top-quality video and sports entertainment for all of our race meets,"

said NSA President Guy J. Torsilieri. "Our principal purpose is to provide the race stewards with all the tools they need to assure fair and safe racing. At the same time, broadcast-quality video images and live streaming offer the promise of reaching a new audience for our exciting sport."

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In Memoriam



RONNIE HOUGHTON

Mention the Houghton name today in Mid-Atlantic racing circles and you'll get knowing responses about Penn National-based trainer Bernie, noted Pennsylvania breeder Betsy (officially Elizabeth alongside the winners' pedigrees) and the late Maryland owners/breeders Eddie and Binnie at Buckingham Farm.

But Ronnie Houghton, who died Sept. 23 at age 79, deserves more than his share of attention. He was a steeplechase jockey in the 1960s, a trainer of mainly steeplechasers in the 1970s and into the 1980s, a horse, cattle and crop farmer in Maryland and Pennsylvania and a worker with few peers.

Father of Bernie (and Robin, Wendy and Michael too), husband of Betsy, broth-

er of Eddie, grandfather of 11, Ronnie Houghton built two regional farms to prominence—training top-class runners on the flat and over jumps and finding a spot near (or at) the top of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred breeders' lists with his wife. Houghton suffered a mild stroke four years ago, but was still a regular at regional stallion shows and other events. Another stroke hit him harder several weeks before he died. With his family by his side, he passed away eight days shy of his 80th birthday.

"I'm sad, but I'm great too," said Betsy a few days later. "He was the luckiest person. He had the three things he always wanted—the farm, me and the kids—everything he ever wanted."

Born in New Jersey, Houghton grew up near Newtown Square, Pa., where his parents worked on the Wetherill family's Happy Hill Farm. He got a two-year degree at Penn State and went to work for trainer Ridgely White in Virginia. Houghton rode Trout Line, trained by future Hall of Famer Sidney Watters Jr., to four consecutive timber wins in 1961—at Fair Hill, Rolling Rock, Monmouth County and Far Hills. Houghton also won that year's Carolina Cup, then a timber race, aboard Ingo.

By the mid-1960s, Houghton was a trainer on the steeplechase circuit and quickly found success, while bouncing from Pennsylvania to South Carolina. He won 15 National Steeplechase Association races in 1968, placing fourth behind future Hall of Famers Mikey Smithwick, Burley Cocks and Mickey Walsh, and ahead of another young trainer Jonathan Sheppard.

In 1970, the year Ronnie and Betsy bought the original Sylmar in Maryland—a few miles west of Fair Hill near the Pennsylvania/Maryland border—Houghton won 20 races (second only to Sheppard's 21) including a dozen for main owner Henry Elser. Early standouts in the barn included The Critter and stakes winner Summer Crop. By the 1980s, Pala Mountain and Le Sauteur led the way on the steeplechase side—though the stable branched in all directions and topped 30 wins for nine consecutive seasons from 1984-92. Le Sauteur won the New York Turf Writers Cup in 1986, the Grand National in 1985 and Monmouth Park's Midsummer Hurdle Handicap in 1984. Bernie won the National Steeplechase Association jockey championship in 1985, a year in which Le Sauteur led the earnings list over eventual champion Flatterer.

Turf horse Crystal Moment gave Houghton his only graded stakes victory, in the 1990 Fort Marcy-G3 at Aqueduct. The son of Super Moment also won the Battlefield Stakes, the Sycamore at Philadelphia Park and Hialeah Turf Cup and placed in four graded stakes on the way to 15 wins, 15 seconds, 14 thirds and \$560,666 in earnings.

The Houghtons moved Sylmar to Lancaster County, Pa.—more room for the cattle—six years later and found a spot among the state's leading breeders for years. They bred standouts Banjo Picker and Whistle Pig among others, and also foaled multiple Grade 1 winner Princess of Sylmar for client Ed Stanco.

Survivors include his wife Betsy, sons Bernie and Michael, daughters Robin Perry and Wendy Kinnamon, sister Doris Green and the 11 grandchildren.



HELEN POLINGER

Owner Helen M. Polinger, whose involvement in racing dated to the 1960s, died in September. She was 87. Among others, Polinger raced star mare The Very One, who won 22 races and earned more than \$1.1 million in a career that began innocently enough at Bowie and reached Grade 1 heights after meandering through races at Monmouth Park, Keystone and Shenandoah Downs in its early stages.

Polinger grew up in Washington, D.C., was a promising artist as a young girl, became a hairdresser, a model and fashion-show planner and was ultimately elected president of the Washington, D.C. Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association and president of the Hair Fashion Guild. Married twice before, she met Milton Polinger and they were married in 1961. He introduced her to horses.

She learned to ride, went foxhunting and helped her husband build up their 70-acre farm in Olney, Md. Ultimately, the farm stood stallions, boarded mares and prepped horses on a half-mile training track. Polinger Farm stood What Luck, the sire of Polinger-bred star What a Summer. Helen Polinger campaigned 1970s steeplechase standout Jezebell's Man among others as the couple's Thoroughbred holdings expanded into the hundreds.

The Polingers ultimately separated and Milton died in 1976. Helen Polinger kept the farm, but many of the horses were sold. In 1977, she bought The Very One for \$22,000 as a 2-year-old. Trained by farm manager Sonny Sims and later Steve DiMauro, she won 13 stakes including the 1981 Grade 1 Santa Barbara Handicap at Santa Anita, and defeated males in the 1979 Dixie Handicap-G2 at Pimlico.

Helen Polinger sold most of the Olney farm to become Trotters Glen golf course and later a housing development called Trotters Glen, but kept a hand in racing most recently with trainer Tim Keefe. She was a regular at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sales (where she bought six year-

lings in 2017), and found success with Understanding, Respectful Ed, Dancing With Maude and Wonderful Secret. Two-year-old filly Eye of the Wildcat, a Polinger yearling purchase in 2017, won for the Helen Myers Polinger Revocable Trust at Laurel Park Oct. 5.

KATHEE RENGERT

A steeplechase jockey, trainer, bloodstock agent, racing official, photographer, race-meet director and—more recently—tower assistant at Fair Hill Training Center, Kathee Rengert died Oct. 6 after a short illness. Rengert, 68, was a fixture at Fair Hill for several years, monitoring the race-track and starting gate, providing assistance when needed and sorting out various details that inevitably came up.

"She'll be missed by a lot of people around here," said Sally Goswell, Fair Hill's general manager. "She was known for being very firm about things, but she cared and worked hard. She had a wide variety of people who really liked her."

Long before she worked at Fair Hill, she was a regular on the steeplechase and point-to-point circuit. Rengert rode her first races in 1973 and, though not the first, was a pioneering female jump jockey in the United States. Aboard a horse named Velvet Gun in 1973, she was the first woman to ride against men at the Piedmont Point-to-Point in Virginia—where the races were all previously for "gentlemen riders" other than the "lady rider timber." Riding for Hall of Fame trainer Mikey Smithwick and others, Rengert won 34 point-to-point and sanctioned races. Her 1978 allowance hurdle victory at Saratoga on Wine Scandal is believed to be the second win over jumps by a female jockey at the historic track (Joey Ruhsam was the first in 1976).

Rengert went on to train horses, worked as a bloodstock agent, took the Fair Hill job and was the executive director of the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup race meet.

In addition to her work with horses, Rengert was an accomplished photographer and was recognized for her work by American Horse Publications first prizes in 2013 (for a photo titled Winter Wonderland which appeared in *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*) and again in 2016 (for a photo titled Dawn Patrol which also appeared in the magazine).

Her other photo photography included nature scenes—including eagles, bluebirds, deer and more at Fair Hill—landscapes, portraits and more. She also played competitive tennis, volunteered at Longwood Gardens and supported numerous envi-



ronmental causes. She recently completed a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning at West Chester University.

RUFUS WILLIAMS

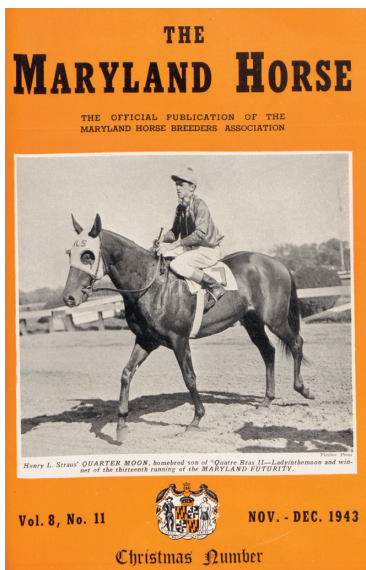
Steeplechase owner and retired Baltimore businessman Rufus M.G. Williams died Sept. 30 at his home in Glyndon, Md. He was 87. Williams' daughter Sheila is married to steeplechase trainer Jack Fisher and they campaigned horses together under the DASH (Dad and Sheila) Stable banner. DASH horses Ice It and Whitman's Poetry found success in 2017, with the former also winning the crown as 3-year-old hurdle champion in 2015.

In addition, Williams and his wife Sheila campaigned Virginia Gold Cup winner Push and Pull and other steeplechase standouts Straight to It, Batchwood and others. Their homebred mare Brig won two stakes on the flat.

A Baltimore native, Williams attended Gilman School, the Hotchkiss School and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia in 1955. After working at a Baltimore investment company and a chemical company, Williams bought the Canton, Md.-based J.S. Young Co. in the 1970s. J.S. Young was founded in 1869 and manufactured licorice, dyes and tanning extracts. Williams sold the business in the 1980s and retired. Williams was an avid pilot, golfer, skier and longtime member of the Elkridge and Green Spring Valley hunt clubs.

In addition to his daughter and wife, Williams is survived by daughter Barbara Horneffer and sons Rufus Williams Jr. and Richard Williams and six grandchildren.

Looking Back



75 years ago

■ The Maryland tracks' 30-day combined fall meet at Pimlico was an unqualified success. Handle broke all records, crowds up to 20,000 attended, and the nation's best horses competed.

Greentree Stable's Shut Out won twice at the meet, his most important score the Pimlico Special. George D. Widener's 3-year-old filly Stefanita also won two, including the Bryan and O'Hara Memorial over top handicap horse Alsab while giving him weight.

The leading owner by money won was Calumet Farm, with Riggs Handicap winner Sun Again and Selima Stakes winner Miss Keeneland among the stable stars.

■ Maryland-bred 2-year-olds were among the standouts at the fall meet. Quarter Moon, owned by Henry L. Straus, won the Maryland Futurity (and appeared on the magazine's cover), while Mrs. George H. Mohr's "bargain buy" Royal Prince won two stakes. Trained by Mohr's son George, the colt from the first crop of Preakness winner Dauber ranked among the best juveniles of the year after beating top-notch runners in the Eastern Shore Handicap and T.K. Lynch Memorial.

10 years ago

■ The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale took a hit with a declining national economy. The gross was the lowest in 10 years, the average of \$17,001 for 483 sold was down nearly 27 percent from the year before, and the buyback rate was an astonishing 36 percent.

Among the bright spots were the horses from the consignment of Herb and Ellen Moelis' CandyLand Farm. Topping the sale by gross and second by average (with 19 sold for \$823,700, average \$43,353), CandyLand was represented by two of the top three prices, including the \$320,000 sales topper. A son of Holy Bull out of the Citidancer mare Disco Darlin', the colt was bred in Pennsylvania by Classic Thoroughbred XVIII (a partnership of the Moelises, Jim Ferguson and Mike Lipper) and purchased by Pennsylvanian Ed Stevenson.

The sales topper, named This Ain't No Bull, had his ups and downs in a career that spanned six seasons while bouncing around in claiming company, but eventually won 12 of 36 races, a couple of Pennsylvania-bred stakes, and earned \$407,182.

■ New Jersey-bred filly Wild Gams swooped past a high-class field of distaff sprinters to capture the second running of the Presque Isle Downs Masters Stakes in a track record 1:07.95 for 6 furlongs. The New Farm homebred trained by Ben Perkins Jr. became racing's newest millionaire while defeating Miss Macy



Wild Gams set a track record of 1:07.95 in the Presque Isle Downs Masters Stakes.

Sue, winner of the inaugural running, and Grade 1 winner Dream Rush.

■ Eclipse Award-winning steeplechaser Good Night Shirt remained a perfect 3-for-3 in 2008 while defending his title in the Lonesome Glory Hurdle at Belmont Park, his fourth consecutive Grade 1 victory (and sixth in his last seven starts). The Maryland-bred son of Concern owned by Sonny Via was one of an arsenal for Maryland-based trainer Jack Fisher, who sent out the winners of the first three stakes during the fall season.

■ Charitable Man, bred in Virginia by Edward P. Evans and campaigned by Mr. and Mrs. William Warren, had established himself as one of the nation's top juveniles before being sidelined by injury. After winning first out by 11½ lengths at Saratoga, the Kiaran McLaughlin trainee easily captured the Grade 2 Futurity at Belmont. A saucer fracture in his left shin discovered after a workout a few weeks later put the son of Lemon Drop Kid on the sidelines.

■ Two dramatic efforts at Monmouth Park yielded lucrative wins for Kentucky

Derby/Preakness winner Big Brown, who followed his Grade 1 Haskell score with a victory in the inaugural Monmouth Stakes, a September grass race created for the classic winner as a prep for the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 (over Santa Anita's synthetic surface). The race carried a purse of \$500,000, with the stipulation that should the Kentucky Derby winner not start, the purse would drop to \$200,000. His first time facing older horses, Big Brown led throughout the 1¼ miles and held off Proudinsky (Ger) to win by a neck.

It was Big Brown's final race, as a foot injury in a workout a month later at Aqueduct forced his retirement. The son of Boundary won all seven races he finished—his only loss the Belmont Stakes-G1 when pulled up.



■ The 2-year-old gelding Russell Road (above) became the latest stakes winner for his West Virginia-bred dam Roberta Grump. His second win in three starts came in the Dr. Ernest Benner Stakes. Russell Road was one of eight winners from eight foals of racing age for Roberta Grump, whose other stakes winners were the fillies Sweet Annuity, Shesanothergrump and Shesagrumptoo.

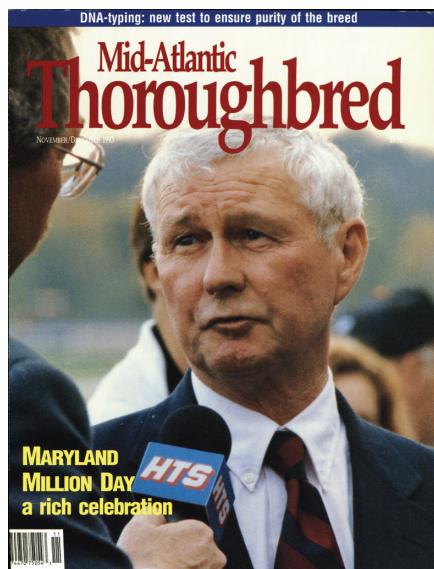
25 years ago

■ Six applications were accepted by the Virginia Racing Commission for a license to operate Virginia's first pari-mutuel track. Among those submitted were Patriot Park (the Maryland Jockey Club plan), Old Dominion (Virginia Racing Associates), Virginia Beach (Churchill Downs) and Colonial Downs (Arnold Stansley). The final selection was not expected before March 1994.

■ Virginian Paul Mellon and trainer Mack Miller had yet another glorious weekend when Rokeby runners Sea Hero and You'd Be Surprised captured Grade 1 races on back-to-back days at Saratoga. Sea Hero knew how to shine on the biggest stage, adding the \$1 million Travers Stakes trophy to that of the Kentucky Derby-G1, his only wins in nine starts for the year. You'd Be Surprised followed a Grade 1 win in Belmont's Top Flight by taking the John B. Morris Handicap.

■ Trainer Ron Cartwright was the headliner on a festive Maryland Million Day, sending out three winners on the 12-race card—Forry Cow How (Classic), Mz. Zill Bear (Ladies) and Gayquare (Handicap). "It was the biggest day in my entire career," said the former steeplechase rider. "I've had three winners in one day before—but never three stakes with so much money."

It was the first time in the eight-year history of the Maryland Million that Maryland-breds made a clean sweep of



the card, and eight carried the colors of their breeders—Rolling Cart (Daniel B. Brewster in the Steeplechase), Lady Beaumont (Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr., Lassie), Run Alden (Hal C.B. Clagett, Nursery), Champion Jay (Herman J. Kossow, Oaks), Awad (Ryehill Farm, Turf), Star Minister (Robert E. Meyerhoff, Distaff), Military Look (Stuart S. Janney III, Sprint) and Mz. Zill Bear (Mea Culpa Stable Inc.).

■ Millionaire and 1987 Maryland Million Classic winner Little Bold John was retired at the age 11. The John Alden gelding, bred by Hal C.B. Clagett and raced for the majority of his career by Jack Owens, had won 38 of 105 starts and held the record for most stakes wins on the flat for



Little Bold John retired with a celebration on Maryland Million Day 1993.

a Maryland-bred (25). With his mane and tail done up in blue and white pom-poms, he joined another Classic winner, Timely Warning, in a special farewell parade before the Maryland Million Day crowd.

■ For the fifth year in a row, a member of the Casey family won the richest race on West Virginia Breeders Classic night. The latest was a repeat win for John A. Casey's homebred Coin Collector, a 4-year-old son of home stallion Weshaam. Taylor Mountain (1989-90) and Nice Ainit (1991) were previous Classic winners for the Caseys.

■ The Fasig-Tipton Eastern Fall Yearling Sale showed a strong regional market. "Most consignors were satisfied, if not elated," said Dr. Robert Leonard, managing partner of Glade Valley Farms, the leading consignor by average (\$28,125). "Overall, the sale was fairly encouraging—more so than the sales in the last couple of years. Of course, we were gratified when the colt from Rollicking's last crop was so well-received [second-highest price in the sale at \$77,000]."

50 years ago

■ "Those Long-Sought Stallions Are Arriving" wrote Snowden Carter in his editorial after announcements that Northern Dancer was moving from Windfields in Canada to the Chesapeake City farm, and Dancer's Image was to stand his first season at Glade Valley Farms in Frederick. "One of Maryland's new residents says in this issue that the State's principal deficiency from a horse breeders' standpoint is the shortage of quality stallions.

"Dr. [Robert] Leonard, president of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, has said the same thing many times in recent years.

"No one will deny that this shortage does exist. But it is also equally apparent that the situation is being corrected.

"Maryland has attracted three of the last five winners of the Kentucky Derby (Northern Dancer, 1964; Kauai King,

1966; Dancer's Image, 1968 [finished first but was subsequently disqualified].

"Add to this group the top class Nearctic. These four horses give Maryland a stallion group which even a Kentuckian would commend."

■ Allaire duPont's homebred Politely set an all-time earnings record for a Maryland-bred race mare, surpassing the legendary Gallorette. With \$478,937, Politely ranked sixth all-time nationally; Gallorette's \$445,353 dropped her to eighth. The man who knew Gallorette best, her former trainer Edward Christmas, was asked to compare the two race mares. "Money," he replied, "means nothing."

His definition of a great racemare? "One who can beat good colts, geldings or horses at sprint distances and classic distances and give weight or carry comparable weights. Unless a mare can do this, she is not great. In my opinion Gallorette was the only mare that filled these qualifications."

■ The promising young stallion Sunrise Flight fractured his shoulder in his paddock at Windfields Farm in Chesapeake City, and was put down at age 9. The oldest foals for the syndicated son of Double Jay—Misty Morn, by *Princequillo, were 2-year-olds.

From 73 foals, Sunrise Flight had 60 runners—57 (95 percent) were winners, eight of them stakes winners. As a broodmare sire, from 29 producing daughters, he is the grandsire of champion, classic winner and top sire Pleasant Colony, major winner and producer Weber City Miss, and \$841,388-earner Due North, to name a few.

■ The biggest backstretch improvement project attempted in Maryland was nearing completion at Pimlico. Ten new barns made of brick and block were replacing the weathered wooden structures and would be able to house 400 horses and provide living quarters for 160 men. "Racing officials who have examined these modern buildings hail them as 'models for the industry.'"

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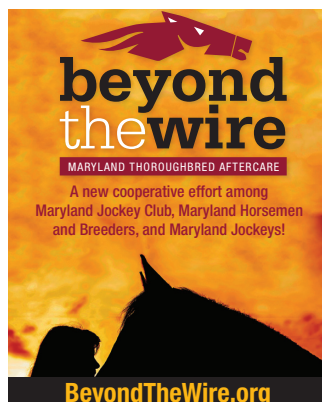
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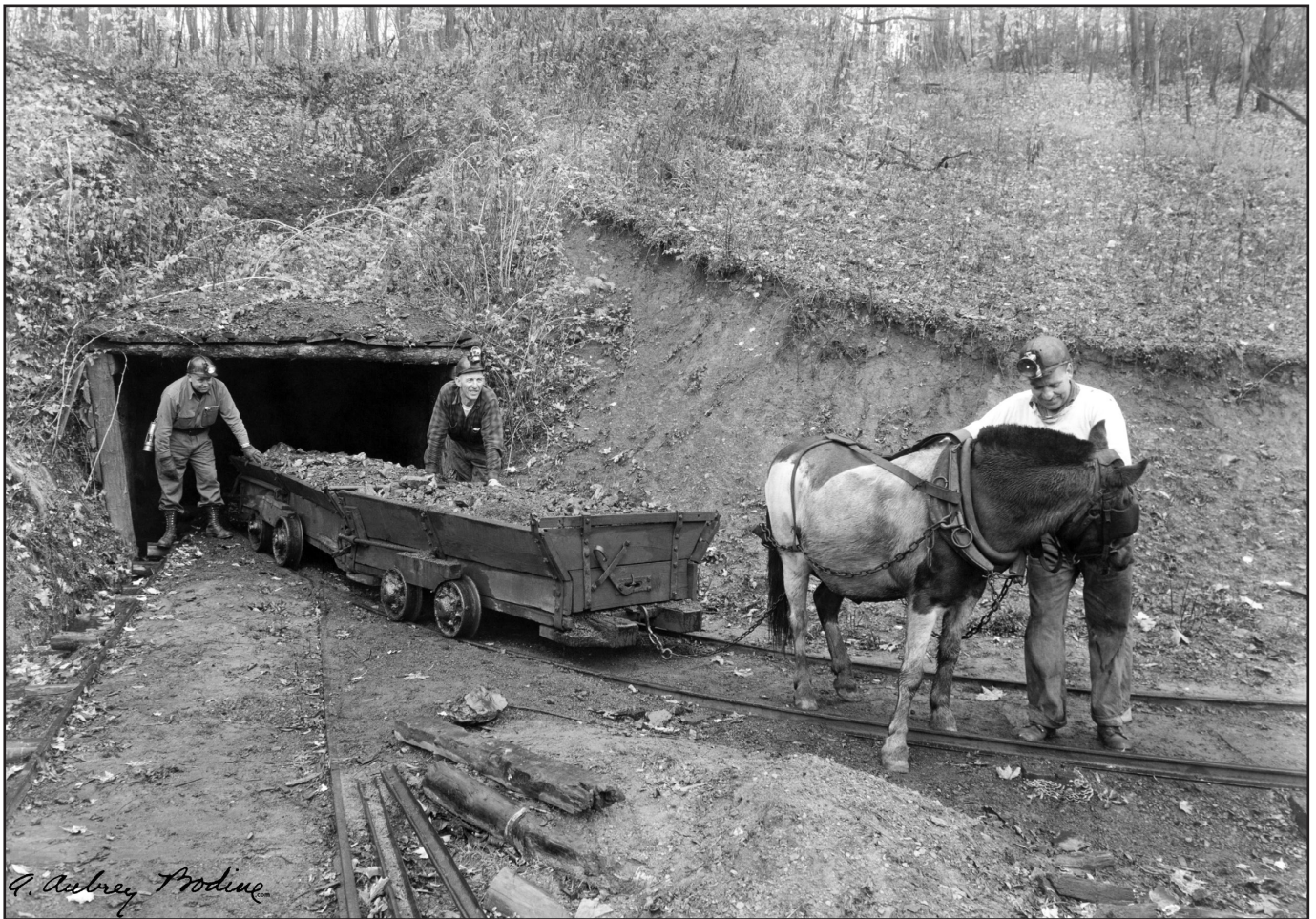
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